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'WE STILL HAVEN'T PUT MUM TO REST' **A Penarth family's anguish at delay over gravestone**

by TIM CHAPMAN
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A PENARTH family say they have endured "untold anguish" since their mother was buried in the wrong cemetery plot.

In March this year, Marion Jarvis (née Hooper) had to be reburied in a new plot, but in the latest twist to the saga, her gravestone has failed to reappear.

The family says Penarth Town Council promised to have it reinstalled by the end of August, but now, more than three weeks beyond the deadline, there is no sign of it.

Marion was Penarth born and bred, and lived at Coronation Terrace. She died in 2003 at the age of 82.

The family only discovered she had been buried in the wrong plot when they decided they wanted to bury the ashes of her great-granddaughter Alice with her.

The family had to sign papers to have her body moved a few feet into the correct plot. They attended a re-interment ceremony, along with Alice's ashes, on Tuesday, March 14.

Marion's daughter Pat Quick told The GEM: "This has affected the whole family. It is now six months since my mother was reburied."

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VIVA LAS VEGAS! COUPLE'S MEMORABLE HONEYMOON IN THE STEPS OF 'THE KING'



Steve and Kelly made their vows in the city where their hero Elvis Presley was 'King'.

by TIM CHAPMAN

FOR an Elvis fan, Graceland. There is only one place in the world to get married – Las Vegas, scene of 'The King's' greatest shows.

Steve Davies, a fan since the age of nine, and his wife Kelly, also enjoyed a honeymoon that included time spent in Hawaii and a visit to Memphis.

Their visit coincided with the 40th anniversary of Elvis's death, and they were able to take part in the candlelit vigil at

Steve first proposed to bride-to-be Kelly Weavin at the Eiffel Tower on February 18 last year.

Steve said: "We then booked the trip of a lifetime to Memphis, Las Vegas and Hawaii with The Elvis Presley Fan Club of the UK and decided to tie the knot in Las Vegas."

Steve said that Memphis was an "overwhelming experience".
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Councillor urges: 'Give the credit where it's due'

I WOULD like to congratulate the staff of the Vale Council for the remarkable achievement of being judged best performing council in Wales for the period from April 2016 - March 2017 - for the third year in a row.

This follows yet another recent hugely positive review from the Wales Audit Office.

To deliver such an outstanding performance against a backdrop of huge austerity cuts from the Westminster Government, and the personal impact of relentless and ongoing reviews and restructuring within the council, is exceptional.

The recent press report from the council fails to mention that these achievements were delivered under the Labour and Llantwit First-led council from 2012-2017, and not the current council leaders.

That Labour-led

Why Slovenia and not south Wales?

THE UK Government has decided not to electrify the railways from Cardiff to Swansea.

I read online of EU projects funded with our money. Slovenia was given our money to upgrade its railways.

This major project, co-funded by the EU, involved the reconstruction, electrification and upgrading of a section of 160 km/h on the railway line between Praggersko

council actually turned around poorly performing services to achieve the accolade of Best Performing Council for three of the five years they were in power.

During their term of office, the Labour-led council was praised by the Social Services Inspectorate, Estyn and the Future Generations Commissioner.

The Wales Audit Office specifically singled out their leadership, clear vision, and productive working relationship with the council's senior management team.

Following the last election, Labour are now responsible for scrutinising the policy and performance of the new Conservative administration and will do everything possible to make sure standards don't slip – and that the people and communities of the Vale continue to receive the services they need.

Coun Lis Burnett,
Vale of Glamorgan.

and Hodoš, the modernisation of level crossings, and the construction of subways at railway stations.

The investment would improve the quality and competitiveness of cargo, increase traffic speed and bring more travel security on the line at a cost of €166 million (£145.54m).

Why haven't we been given money to upgrade our regional railways?

Ashley Wallace,
Barry.

Considering this vote affects 5,000-plus residents and listening to unofficial comments of people chatting around me, nobody seemed to find out why the council was dissolved in the first place.

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Mal Guthrie,
Rhoose.

To use his own words "tucked away" in isolation on page 21 of the same edition, L Jeffery would have read

Readers' Letters

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Reader calls the approach to the waste site a 'blot on the landscape' 'Whole Llandow area is an absolute shambles'

IS IT true that the Royal Tank Regiment has turned down the offer of training along the road to the Llandow civic amenity centre – in case it breaks its tanks?

If it is, I'm not a bit surprised! The state of this amenity access road certainly doesn't encourage people to risk the journey along it.

I understand that it is not the council's responsibility regarding maintenance, but surely they could put some pressure on the owners to carry out some improvements?

The whole of the area is a complete blot on the

Counting the cost of Rhoose Council

ON Friday, September 8, I read in The GEM that there was a vote to bring back Rhoose Community Council.

I attended, hoping to get some information on why this group of residents want it back after 30 years, and what were advantages and disadvantages.

It turned out to be a non-meeting; only the people that were aware of it attended and were able to vote either yes or no.

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landscape of – to quote Visit Wales – 'The beautiful Vale of Glamorgan'. It's an absolute shambles up there, which, as always, begs the question why the Llandow Newydd development has never had the backing of the council.

Instead of taking grade A agricultural land at Darren Farm for housing – with all the additional pressure put on the infrastructure of Cowbridge – building at Llandow would have split the burden between Cowbridge and Llantwit Major; and with good access to Llantwit Major railway station, would give commuters good means of going east or west thus taking some traffic off the roads.

I know this question has often cropped up on your letters pages, but it really doesn't make any sense at all.

Meanwhile, local residents continue to risk their cars when doing the correct thing and taking their rubbish to Llandow.

On this point, there's never an excuse for fly tipping, or any littering, however it's done. Why do some idiots gather up their rubbish in carrier bags in their vehicles and then throw it out onto the road?

Michael Tough,
Llysnewyry.

'GEM letters page is even-handed'

IN his letter of September 14, L Jeffery of Dinas Powys, complains of perceived bias in the allocation of space given to a reader's letter, which – in my opinion – gave a well-balanced overview of the lack of clarity and planning, both in Brexit negotiations, and in the longer-term economic, social and political history of the UK.

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the very instructive and informative letter from Peter Sain ley Berry of Cowbridge – a remainder. L Jeffery complains, despite the fact that his two recent letters (August 31 and September 14) were published on Page 2 of The GEM.

I would suggest L Jeffery's complaint is unfounded as the general allocation of space to letters demonstrates that The GEM pays careful attention to fairness and even-handedness when preparing and considering items for publication.

It seems that L Jeffery is more interested in rhetoric than in hard facts.

H Roger Thomas,
Rhoose.

Putting past record straight

THE letter by D Williams (The GEM, September 7) presumes to anticipate my thoughts or intentions and pontificate on them.

However, I do not intend to pursue this further, other than to record his perspective is as flawed as his historical erudition.

Between 1941 and 1945, Britain was supported by Lend Lease from America; food and arms to be paid for after the war, which ceased in 1945.

As I said in my letter of August 31, we were 'flat broke'. The people turned to peace time production with a vengeance, but it was a difficult time. To trivialize the efforts of this nation is abhorrent.

The Government, after prolonged discussion, were able to obtain low interest loans, but these had long-term consequences, a few of which were imminent.

In 1948, President Truman approved the Marshall Plan to aid Greece and Turkey. This was extended to Europe, where West Germany

was a major beneficiary, as was Britain (not 1945).

The main feature of my letter of August 31, was to highlight the danger to our democracy. In 1850, in Boston Mass, Theodore Parker coined the phrase "Government of the people, by all the people, for all the people" – a noble sentiment and one of the foundations of any democracy.

I would suggest to remainders to inspect the *curricula vitae* of some of your political allies before pursuing this crusade to overturn the democratic majority vote of the people to leave.

You perpetuate the steady decline of democracy, which has been a feature of the last 30 years of government.

Perhaps you prefer the Oscar Wilde version: "Democracy means simply the bludgeoning of the people, by the people, for the people"?

In conclusion, D Williams graciously concedes that I have a right to an opinion. That is precisely my argument. No Government ever asked me my opinion.

J Fletcher (aged 91).

Stack kicks up a stink

PLANS for a huge expansion of the sewage works on Sully Moors, include a 30m chimney as part of a new anaerobic digestion plant.

In its pre-planning application, Dwr Cymru asked to be excused from providing a formal Environmental Impact Assessment, even though the development far exceeds the threshold.

The Vale Planning Authority granted their wish.

So, according to our local planning officers, 10 buildings, ranging from 800 sqm to 30 sqm – plus a 30m chimney releasing pollutants into the atmosphere – will have no impact on the environment....

REALLY? This stinks, literally.

Paul Fisher, Penarth.

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL OCTOBER 5)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
28 Thur				12.12
29 Fri	00.42	7.4	13.27	7.2
30 Sat	02.11	7.2	15.09	7.3
01 Sun	03.52	7.5	16.22	7.9
02 Mon	04.51	8.0	17.12	8.5
03 Tues	05.36	8.6	17.53	9.2
04 Wed	06.17	9.4	18.33	9.7
05 Thur	06.56	9.9	19.11	10.2

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Event raises nearly £3,000 in memory of young Stacey



Karl with Debbie Jones of Teenage Cancer Trust.

A FUNDRAISING event for Teenage Cancer Trust held at Barry Island Sports and Social Club in memory of Stacey Armstrong raised £2,961.43.

Stacey, a nursery worker, died aged 20 in 2010. She was supported on the trust's ward when she was in the University Hospital of Wales.

The event organiser Karl Webb said: "I had a great line-up of bands – The Navarones, The Riff, Too Toned and Modifi."

"We also had three DJs, Gwyn Good, Steve Morris, and Geraint Thomas.

"The compere on the night was Dean Caldwell and our photographer

was Kevin Moore.

"I had an auction and raffle prizes and the total amount raised was £2,961.

"Many thanks go to supporters of the event: Lyndsay Ellis, Knights Plastics, Robert Johnson, Natalie Spruce, Casa Paco, Fire and Safety, LDS, Town Centre News, Andrew Armstrong, Kevin Hunt, and Butch Sweeney.

"I want to thank all those who bought tickets, and thank Lee and the staff of Barry Island Sports and Social Club. A final 'thank you' also to Tim and the team at the Glamorgan GEM for all their support."

For more information on the trust, go to: www.teenagecancertrust.org/.

'Where will fairies go now the Friendship Tree has been felled?'

BARRY'S celebrated 'Friendship Tree' at Knap Gardens was felled by high winds on Tuesday, September 12, but the local artist behind the project remains undaunted and said it is all part of the "positive cycle of life and a new tree will be planted".

Glyn Pooley told The GEM: "Gusts of 75mph came up the park from the channel and it snapped. The tree had been weakened a couple of years ago. We will be planting a new blue Atlas cedar, a beautiful evergreen tree."

That will be done in the autumn and a dedication ceremony will take place.

"The Friendship

Tree," said a spokesperson, "has been a focal point of festivals at Knap Gardens. It symbolised peace, love and belonging in a community. It was a place where people enjoyed a moment to reflect on life."

The original tree was first dedicated on May 1, 2008, and was between 30 and 50 years old.

Glyn said he had been amazed by the response of people to the destruction of the tree.

and added: "This tree stood for a lot more than some people thought."

"So many people have come up to me genuinely upset with this loss – are they like that with other trees?"

"One lady told me she would take her three-year-old grand-daughter to see what was on the tree each week."

"When her granddaughter saw the tree, she burst into tears and asked: 'Where are all the fairies going to live now?'"

To donate to the new tree, go to: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/friendship-tree.

Image by Liam Foden.



RNLI to the rescue

PENARTH Lifeboat crew responded to a vessel drifting off Penarth Head on Sunday, September 24.

A spokesman said: "As our crew got ready for an evening's training we were tasked to a 21-foot motor vessel with a failed engine."

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Gravestone delay for Barry family

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Marion continued: "I was told the gravestone would be put back by the end of August, but it still hasn't happened."

Pat's daughter, Katherine, is Alice's mother. The family wanted Alice's name added to the gravestone, and Pat says she passed on the details to Penarth Town Council.

When she spoke to the stonemason recently, he told her he still hadn't received notification of the wording.

Pat said: "He told me: 'I don't know what I'm meant to put on it'. The experience has been very upsetting for my daughter. We are not dealing with a traffic sign, we are dealing with a gravestone."

Pat understands that one of the people dealing with the matter has left the council, but believes the matter should have been passed on to be dealt with.

Viva Las Vegas!

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Steve said: "We took part in the candlelit vigil for Elvis and were able to make our way up the drive at Graceland, and walk around his grave. Because it was the 40th anniversary of Elvis's death, it was really emotional."

Thousands of people had gathered and Steve and Kelly had to queue for five hours.

"Priscilla Presley, Lisa-Marie and her children were there, too."

The couple also visited Sun Studios in Memphis where Elvis cut his first record.

Steve explained: "We didn't want friends and family missing out on

When Penarth Town Council discovered its original error – burying Marion in the wrong plot – it issued a public apology to the family for the distress caused, and added that officers had worked with the family to redress the error as swiftly and sympathetically as possible.

But the family say the latest delay has caused them more sadness. Pat explained: "We feel we still haven't put my mum to rest. We are heading towards Christmas, which is a special family time."

"My mother used to spend Christmas with us and we visit her grave at that time of the year. I'm wondering whether the gravestone will have been returned by then."

Pat's brother, Paul Hooper, who lives in Barry, said he has suffered a huge amount of stress and was having to visit the doctor.

"I just want my mother buried – that is all," Paul said. "She was a woman with a good heart. When I go to Penarth, people still say they remember my mum. She was a much-loved woman and very much missed."

On Tuesday this week, Pat had a meeting with council officials which she said did not go well.

She said she was informed that there wasn't enough room on her mother's gravestone to add Alice's details. She added that she was perplexed as to why the council hadn't informed her of that before.

RIGHT:
President Jackie seated with Mari Mantle.

IN November 1965, U N E S C O proclaimed September 8 International Literacy Day.

Its aim is to highlight the importance of literacy to individuals, communities and societies. On International Literacy Day each year, UNESCO reminds the international community of the status of literacy and adult learning globally, with celebrations taking place around the world.

At the end of the aisle, Kelly was met by the groom, Steve, and his son Kurtis, who was the best man.

The couple were later taken to Penarth Pier for a bottle of bubbly and photographs before a fabulous evening party at St Andrews Golf Club.

She understands the council will put back Marion's gravestone, and that a black plaque, in the shape of a heart, will be added with 'great-granddaughter Alice 2017' on it. The gravestone should be back within two weeks, but the plaque could take longer.

The GEM approached Penarth Town Council for a comment and a spokesman explained: "Due to the Quick family advising us they will be instructing solicitors, it would not be appropriate for us to comment."



The late Marion Jarvis (née Hooper) was a much-loved Penarth resident.

Barry Soroptimists mark UNESCO's Literacy Day



books, as well as the cycle of domestic violence. It will allow access to books at a difficult time, when they would otherwise be very limited.

Several members read a range of poems, quotes and prose that they had discovered, remembered, appreciated – or even in one case – written! Although serious problems were addressed, there were also humorous readings. Proceeds raised this year are in aid of 'Books in a Box'. This new venture aims to provide a book box for children's use at the food bank and Atal y Fro, a refuge helping families to break

the Barry Dementia Services.

To find out more about the club, visit www.sigbi.org/barry-and-district. Members also give talks on the aims and objectives of Soroptimism to local groups. If you are interested please contact us via our website.

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Rhoose bingo afternoon

THE management committee at Rhoose Community Centre, Stewart Road, is holding its monthly bingo afternoon this Saturday, September 30; doors open at 1.45pm for a prompt start at 2.30pm.

There will be a raffle and light refreshments and all proceeds go towards the running of the hall.

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Tories and Plaid clash over Dinas Powys by-pass

VALE **Conservatives** have rebutted a Plaid Cymru accusation that there has been a lack of progress on the issue of a Dinas Powys by-pass.

Following a session of the Vale Council's environment and regeneration scrutiny committee, chaired last week by Coun Vincent Bailey, the Conservatives insisted there had been "significant progress".

Plaid local councillor Chris Franks said traffic management in the village was a key issue for residents.

"I'm pleased to say that several members of the local community did come along on the night, and I believe that those present were more than happy with the outcomes achieved."

Rod Harrod, chair of Dinas Powys By-Pass Steering Group, said there seemed to be a consensus at the meeting.

"It's fair to say that the process of creating a bypass around Dinas Powys has moved forward far more in the last six months than it did in the previous six years.

"The process of the Welsh Government is something that had not even been mooted before this year.

"When it comes to the bypass, the council still does not seem to have made any progress. Nothing still has been decided. For instance, not even a route has been agreed. In reality, there seems to be a lack of commitment."

The Conservatives are adamant a bypass is on the agenda and that as a result of the scrutiny meeting, 'stage 2' of the process can proceed, with the likelihood that there will be three options on the table: a bypass; a multimodal solution; or a bypass with multimodal features.

'Multi-modal' is a focus on improving public transport links (buses and trains) alongside other travel options, such as cycling and walking.

Committee Chair, Coun Vincent Bailey, said: "A bypass remains a key priority for the council and the committee felt that it was vital that the bypass was given every chance to thrive at 'stage 2', by giving early consideration to how such a road could be combined with other measures to improve sustainable travel in the region.

"We have also secured representation for the local community in the 'Review Group', which will ensure that Dinas residents can have a say."

"Coun Franks has a remarkably detailed knowledge of the committee meeting for someone who didn't

doesnt attract headlines. There are parts that are ground-breaking and have not been applied to any previous road-building project in Wales.

"The new Vale Council has had to move with care and precision to ensure every 'i' is dotted. An example of this was the way the cabinet asked the scrutiny committee to advise on the way forward.

"My colleagues and I were particularly impressed at the thorough and considered way this meeting was conducted.

"Not a single dissenting voice was heard from any political party. The public and councillors were given their chance to speak or comment in writing.

"This enabled the committee to propose to cabinet several important changes to the consultants' report to stage one of the five-part process.

"This included the suggestion that a further option should be added to the next stage – with the by-pass added to the multi-modal option, as well as both of the options standing alone.

"This makes the by-pass an almost certain inclusion to move forward," Mr Harrod added.

Pamela smashes her donation target for charity head shave



PAMELA DUNGEY.

LAST week, The GEM told the story of Pamela Dungey, who is shaving off her hair for Cancer Research UK in memory of her brother John and close friend Sam Gould who both died recently.

"But the higher the total goes, the better," said a spokesperson.

To make a donation, go to: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/pamela-dungey1.

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Rhoose bingo afternoon

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There will be a raffle and light refreshments and all proceeds go towards the running of the hall.

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'LET THEM PLAY!' MP'S PLEA TO FAW FOR JUNIOR CLUB TO BE REINSTATED

LOCAL MP Alun Cairns has issued a plea to the Football Association of Wales to let a junior football team into its local league after it missed the registration deadline.

Youngsters in two junior sides, one in Dinas Powys, the other in Barry, were "gutted" that they missed out on the new league season due to administrative problems.

The Black Hawks under-12s from Dinas Powys are in the midst of an appeal; Barry Town under-14s have now reluctantly withdrawn their appeal.

The Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League point out that over 60 local clubs managed to make the deadline in time.

The father of one of the players at Barry Town under-14s, Ryan Sutton, explained the background to what had happened.

"A Barry Town under-14s coach left for personal reasons before registration with the league. There was a lot of disruption and some

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players left.

"The parents got together, recruited extra players and attempted to register the team, albeit late. The registration was rejected by the Vale League."

"We appealed to the South Wales Football Association who ruled in our favour."

The Vale League appealed to the Football Association of Wales and a hearing was due to take place this week.

Some youngsters, anxious that they would miss out on the new season, have joined other teams, leaving Barry Town under-14s too short of numbers to continue and an appeal pointless.

Ryan said: "The players and parents feel absolutely gutted. They have had their chance of football ripped away from them."

Dinas Powys Football Club's under-12 team, was disappointing they the Black Hawks, missed out following an expulsion.

The club sent incorrect consent forms to a coach on July 21 which caused a delay in submitting the correct forms. The club requested an extension to the deadline of July 31 and were granted an extra day. There were further delays in getting back the forms from 16 families and they didn't submit the right forms until August 4.

When the Vale League said they couldn't take their place, the team won an appeal with the South Wales Football Association.

But the Vale League has appealed to the FAW to reverse the decision, and a hearing is due to take place this week.

Local councillor and founding member of Dinas Powys Football Club, Vince Driscoll, told The GEM the league could have issued a fine or points deduction and it

was unfair



MP Alun Cairns wants the Black Hawks under-12s reinstated in the local league.

that these children are being denied the opportunity to compete in a sport that they love, because of an administrative error that was out of their hands.

"Penalising the children is, in my opinion, a very harsh

action to take by the Vale League, and I sincerely hope that the FAW will put this right."

Vale MP Alun Cairns added: "I have contacted Jonathan Ford, the chief executive of the FAW, to ask that the association allow the team to play.

"It would be of great disappointment to these children if their disqualification was upheld on the basis of an administrative error."

A spokesman for the Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League explained that it was just following its rulebook.

The spokesman added

"The Vale of that the decision on the

Glamorgan Association appeal would be

upheld our rules

league council meeting.

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Duo's début draws in the crowds and helps to make Dinas Powys Village Show a great success

THERE was a magician, free library books, face painting, delicious WI teas, a model railway and Meccano exhibits, a bouncy castle and face painting – plus other community stalls at the Dinas Powys Village Show held recently.

The Parish and Lee Halls were full, with a large crowd in the grounds.

The show committee of Val Hartrey, Keith Hatton, John Fanshaw, Judith Anderson, Miriam Evans, Sarah and Dave Fowler, Enid Jackson and Tony Welchman put in a huge amount of work to ensure that the show was a great success.

A new initiative was Mario Morris Magic and Lady V. Mario is a magician who really engaged with the audience of children and adults, who were delighted with his entertainment.

Lady V amazed children as she modelled balloons into some fantastic shapes. The duo was an inspired new attraction for the show.

The music came from the popular local brass band, the Dinas Powys Ecumenical Seven (or as was the case last week, the Dinas Powys Ecumenical Thirteen!)

The popular raffle table was staffed by Richard Grigg and Chris Franks. The organisers are grateful to those who donated prizes: Mark Griffith; Bank of

Flowers; the Royal India, Marks and Spencer; Valley View Veg and Fruit Stores; Brynawel Fuchsia and Garden Centre and Happy Embroidery.

There was an extensive range of entries in the cookery, fruit and vegetable and flower classes. There were substantial needlecraft and craftwork entries, as well as painting, drawing plus photography. Many children entered the competitions and we are grateful to them all for taking part.

The Dinas Powys Voluntary Library and Activity Centre offered free books to visitors and encouraged people who were interested to become volunteers at the library. The library is now approaching the first year of becoming self-governing.

Chris Franks, Chair of the Library Trustees, said that the library has invited more people to join the 40 strong team of volunteers.

Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern's stall was kept busy explaining what services it could offer to residents and it also attracted offers of support for the Befriending service.

The day was a wonderful example of community life.

Dr Haydn Jones presented the certificates to the following: Hayden Allman won the Dell Smith Cup for Nursery Classes; Mali Ap Ian Evans won the J Brockhurst Cup for Reception Classes; the Aquarius Cup for Years 1 and 2 was won by Grace Tomlinson; the DP and St

Andrews WI Cup for Years 3 and 4 by Rory Seekings and the St Cyres School Cup for Years 5 and 6 was won by Izzy Seekings.

Last in the Young People's Classes, the Enid Jackson Cup for the highest number of points, went to Grace Tomlinson. Well done to all of them.

The Open Classes Cups were won by: Angela Reardon won the British Gas Wales Cup for Cooking, Baking and Preserving; the Harry Phillips Plate for Fruit and Vegetables to Cecil Townsend; Elizabeth Richards gained the Dinas Powys Garden Society Cup for Flowers and Houseplants and the Randell Rose Bowl for Floral Art; Brian Trego won the Bernard McParlin Cup for Photography; Sara Kear-Smith gained the National Westminster Cup for Needlework and the Dinas Powys Community Council Cup for Craftwork; Jane Streeter gained the D Hampton-Jeffery Cup for Painting and Dawing; lastly, the Women's Institute Plate for the highest number of points in the Open Classes was won by Elizabeth Richards.

Thanks also go to the members of Dinas Powys Baptist Church, who helped to dismantle the show.

The committee wishes to thank all those who entered, as the show would be nothing without all who take part.

Val Hartrey, show chairman.

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'Has anyone seen our lost tortoise?'

A HIGHLIGHT PARK resident issued a plea over the weekend for people to look out for her tortoise, which has gone missing.

Jessica Ferguson said: "Please can you help, Facebook friends? Our tortoise has managed to escape his run today – not sure, how he's like Houdini. We're devastated!"

"We've spent the past three hours looking for him. We live on Highlight Park at the bottom end, backing onto the fields.

"If anyone sees or finds a random little tortoise in their gardens or the fields, he is microchipped and has a little pink patch, nail varnish, on his back by his tail, please can you let me know."

Jessica is wondering whether he may have gone to hibernate somewhere. If anyone has any news, she can be contacted through Facebook.



Jessica has asked people to keep an eye out in local gardens and fields for her missing tortoise.

LAST WORK PHASE AT BARRY GARDENS

WORK to improve Gladstone Gardens, Barry, is entering its final phase this week.

The works will include installing new railings, footpaths and improving access to the gardens, as well as cleaning the pond, planting spring bulbs and some additional trees.

These improvements are the final phase in a large-scale renovation of upper and lower Gladstone Gardens in

Barry, which has seen the installation of a new play area, outdoor gym equipment and a multi-use games area.

The balustrade walls, which surround the park, have also been restored as part of this project.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council have invested over £400,000 to improve this much loved park, which now boasts the largest outdoor active zone in Britain.

Speaking of the work the Vale Council's cabinet member for social care, health and leisure, Coun Gordon Kemp, said: "We hope that residents, nearby schools and visitors to the area will benefit from these upgraded facilities.

"As a council, we are committed to promoting health and well-being and having quality open spaces is an important factor in maintaining a healthy lifestyle."

During this final phase, parts of the park will be temporarily closed and pedestrians will be redirected to allow this work to take place.

The work is expected to take 12 weeks.

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Venvoe

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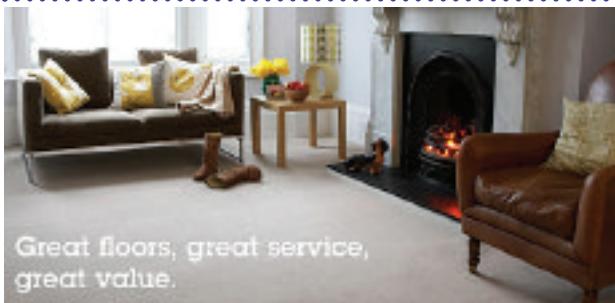
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Crime prevention goes bilingual as PCSO broadcasts on Bro Radio

A VALE PCSO is aiming to ensure his crime prevention messages reach as many of the community as possible, by making use of his Welsh language skills on-air.

In what is believed to be a first for South Wales Police, Sion Summers recorded a bilingual radio segment which was set to be broadcast on Bro Radio on Tuesday (September 26).

Following a spike in burglaries in the Vale, Penarth NPT's Sion agreed to join radio host Geoff Selby on-air to discuss home and garden security.

With the community station broadcasting to the exact audience he was hoping to reach, Sion also saw it as an ideal opportunity to engage more people in his crime prevention hints and tips by making use of the Welsh language skills he picked up at school in Aberystwyth.

Sion said: "It's not something they've ever done on the air before, and it's not something I've ever been asked to do before either, but the number of Welsh



PCSO Sion Summers.

speakers living in the area is continually growing, so it seemed a shame not to take advantage of the opportunity."

Nathan Spackman, interim operation manager at Bro Radio, added: "Sion was a natural on air, and we hope to continue to work with him and South Wales Police to tackle further issues affecting the community." AS

LOGAN NICOL (18) from Penarth, has been chosen to compete as part of the Welsh senior team heading to Norway for the Eurosurf Championships this October.

The European Championship is being held in Stavanger, Norway (the first time an International Surfing Association event is being organised in Scandinavia), and the competition will test the ability of competitors from across Europe to surf in the cool water of Norway, being judged on areas including wave selection, style and complexity of manoeuvres.

Logan said: "I am delighted and privileged to have been selected to represent my country and have worked hard to reach where I am today – never giving up on my dream to follow the sport I love around the world."

"I can't wait to experience the waves Norway has to offer and am totally stoked to be travelling with the other Wales Seniors as part of the squad. I'd like to

take this opportunity to thank the members of the Welsh Surfing Federation who have made this trip possible."

Logan has recently finished his A-Levels at Stanwell School, Penarth, and is taking a gap year before going to Cardiff Met University to study psychology in 2018. In his year out, Logan is concentrating on his passion for surfing and will be competing in a number of competitions across the world.

As well as enjoying local surf spots across the coast of Wales from Llantwit Major to Porthcawl and the Gower to Fresh Water West, Logan has been fortunate enough to travel with fellow surfers and members of the Wales Junior team on a variety of surf trips across the UK and further afield.

He competed in this year's Boardmasters festival in Newquay, Cornwall and has been to Spain, France and Portugal for training.

Logan was selected to attend the International Surfing Association World Junior Championships, held in Tokyo this year, as part of the Welsh team.

However, they were unable to take part due to a lack of funding as the trip was extremely costly.

Logan has been lucky enough to secure himself some sponsorship for clothing, wetsuits, sunglasses and surfboards, which is vital for his success.

However, there are many other costs involved – including travel, insurance and competition entry – and, as well as working as much as he can in between surfs, Logan is looking at a number of different ways to raise support and funding, to help him continue to represent his country in his chosen sport.

Logan is looking for a corporate sponsor to help support him, and is happy to talk to anyone who may be interested in this opportunity – there is a place on his board for branding.

In addition, the Balti Tandoori in Dinas Powys has offered to donate 50 per cent of their takings on September 28 to Logan, so if readers fancy a takeaway that evening, give them a call on 02920 512640 or call along in person.

Barry cowboy Pete trains actors for new Kingsman film



Pete Gamble, Barry's Western 'Statesman' skills trainer.

New exhibition at Art Central

THE Vale of Glamorgan Artists (VOGA) is marking two decades since its launch with an exhibition at Barry's Art Central.

Supported by the Vale Council, the group of 20 professional artists living in and working in the Vale, has pioneered art exhibitions, workshops and residencies across Wales and further afield.

They have also travelled with their work to the Vale Council's twinning partnerships, showing work in the county's twin towns of Rheinfelden in Germany and Fecamp in France.

Their anniversary exhibition also celebrates artists who are past and lifelong members of the group.

"We have supported VOGA over the years and it is a pleasure to see such a variety of wonderful work by local artists which will I am sure, appeal to all who

FOX Studios knew who to call when they needed to train 40 international 'media influencers' in Western skills, ready for the premiere of the new *Kingsman: The Golden Circle* film.

A Handful of Hats, a Barry-based circus performance and training company, has an award-winning record in skills, including whip cracking, lasso throwing, gun slinging and knife throwing.

"It was hard work but enormous fun," said lead instructor, Peter Gamble.

"We had the call a few months ago and after many emails, phone calls and trips to London amidst great secrecy, we put together a stage set with our own and some of the film's original props."

"We made a complete programme of intense training where we could tutor each individual how to act as the hero and be able to crack a bullwhip accurately, spin, throw and catch a target with a lasso, spin a Colt .45 like Pedro Pascal, have it all filmed to broadcast quality – and all this in just 20 minutes."

The studio and media guests were thrilled and the company was praised

for its flexibility and professionalism in delivering a first class product with strict branding requirements and even tighter time constraints.

The guests, who ranged from TV presenters, film reviewers, vloggers, bloggers and YouTubers, had travelled from countries such as Japan, Norway, and South Korea to Dunsfold Park's purpose built studio stages to learn the Statesmen skills.

Pete added that probably what helped them get the contract was their successful record in Western skills workshops and performance around the world, having put on a successful media day for the launch of *The Magnificent Seven*.

"We're available to fly anywhere in the world, but there is a little hall in Barry where we rehearse and you can come and learn on a Thursday afternoon during the winter," said Pete.

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The GEM's Gareth Jamieson reviews
Kingsman: The Golden Circle this week. Read his review on page 21.

14,000 Vale householders 'failed to return electoral forms'

THE Vale Council is reminding residents to fill in their details on the electoral register – after more than 14,000 householders failed to return forms that were sent out earlier this year.

It is advising residents that teams will start knocking on doors across the county from Saturday (September 30) due to the lack of response.

A council spokesperson said: "If members of the public do not want the team to call, they are advised to respond to the Household Enquiry Form by sending the form by post, or reply online at www.hef.hef.uk and @YourVote_UK

response.co.uk.

"If you're not currently registered, your name will not appear on the form.

However, if you want to register, the easiest way is online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote, or we'll send you information explaining how to do this in the post.

"In any case, you will still need to complete the Household Enquiry Form and send it back to us."

For more information, visit the website at gov.uk/register-to-vote. You can also keep updated on social media sites @ElectoralComm UK and @YourVote_UK

NFU ladies are back

Kay Gay welcomed everyone after the summer break. A minute's silence was observed for Lynda Williams, Gwyneth Popham and Jill Rosser, so sadly missed.

The speaker, Julian Kelly, NFU group secretary, gave a wonderful talk on his cycling experiences in America and the Canadian Rockies, raising over £16,000 for the Velindre Cancer Appeal.

Helena Davies gave the vote of thanks and Janet Lean won the raffle.

The autumn trip on Tuesday, October 17 is to the Western Cider Co, Hereford, and the coach will pick up at the usual places.

The meeting on Tuesday, November 21 in Penllyn village hall, will include the Bon Marche fashion show at 7.30pm. Friends welcome.

Challenge for Welsh economy

Adam Price AM will address a public meeting on the Welsh economy at the Old Library, Parish Hall, Dinas Powys, on September 28 at 7 pm.

Elected to Parliament in 2001, he stood down in 2010 and was elected to the National Assembly in 2016.

THE LOMOCA TEAM ARRIVES IN MONACO



Journey's end – the LOMOCA team in Monaco.

THE LOMOCA cycling team from Barry, who are raising funds for the future care of Noah Stephenson, arrived in Monaco on Monday, September 18.

It took them 12 days to complete the ride from London.

Noah (five) who attends Cadotton Primary School, lost his lower left leg to meningitis when he was eight months old, and funds raised during the ride will go towards his ongoing support.

Organiser Gareth Stephenson said: "LOMOCA is done. We are

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had made it in such good time. Earlier in the ride, they had been slowed down by strong headwinds and because the GPS system was dropping in and out.

On Facebook, Robert Banks-Morgan, commented: "Huge congratulations to the whole team! What an amazing achievement and something you will remember for the rest of your lives!"

Gareth said one of the first things the team would do was go to sleep.

So far, £3,325 has been raised. The fundraising page is at www.gofundme.com/LOMOCA.

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CELEBRATION TIME AT LEEKES LLANTRISANT!

RIGHT:
Stuart and Celia Leekes and Paul Collier cut the birthday cake.

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Llantrisant
celebrated their
40th anniversary
with a weekend of
entertainment and
activities in store.

Celebrating the significant milestone, the event was marked with an appearance from TV chef Peter Sidwell, the Dulux dog and award winning beer company Tiny Rebel.

Guests enjoyed musical entertainment plus a variety of activities including funfair rides for the children, food tasting and demonstrations.

Peter Mundell, store manager at Leekes Llantrisant, who has himself worked in the business for over 37 years, said: "We had a great time celebrating our 40th birthday. As an independent family run retailer, this milestone is a great achievement, and we celebrate this in the same year as the company reaches its 120th anniversary."

"We enjoyed a great weekend and would like to thank our loyal team of store staff and also the continued support of customers and the local community."



The Leekes retail business opened in 1897 in the front room of the family home in Clydach Vale, moving to a series of larger premises in Tonypandy before settling at Station Road in the 60s.

Leekes' Llantrisant Store, on the site of the former Staedtler pencil factory, opened in 1977 as one of the first 'out of town' retail stores.

The business, still privately owned and run by the Leekes family, has grown significantly in the last 40 years both geographically, with stores as far afield as Cross Hands, Carmarthenshire to Coventry in the West Midlands, and in terms of scope as the Leekes group also developed the prestigious Vale Resort including the luxury event venue Hensol Castle.

For further information on Leekes visit www.leekes.co.uk.

AM WEARS IT PINK!

ON September 21, Vale AM fundraising events in the UK- raising Jane Hutt showed her support millions of pounds for life saving for the Breast Cancer Now research.

charity - by taking part in a 'Wear it pink' event in Cardiff Bay.

'Wear It Pink' day is officially on October 20, and is one of the biggest

Jane Hutt also encouraged people to join the third annual Conker Walk of the Breast Cancer Now Cardiff and Vale group, at Porthkerry Park on October 8 from 1.30pm.

Vale Council launches Start-Up Business Club

A FREE Start-Up club is being launched for anyone who wants to start their own business, or for people who have been running one for less than three years.

The Vale Council's economic development team plans to launch a free club, having recently supported nearly 50 businesses to start trading through its bursary scheme.

The council aims to support and include new and existing businesses that are up to three years old. They are also keen to hear great business ideas from people who are keen to make their plans a reality.

One of the new businesses started with help from the bursary and mentoring is Sadler Jones, a luxury paper goods company founded by award winning designer Cath Jones.

She said: "Since launching officially in June this year at my first trade show, I am now supplying greeting cards, notebooks, prints and wrapping paper to independent stockists all over the UK. I have also managed to get my first international stockist in Dubai.

"In the last month, I have started supplying to two major high street retailers and I look forward to taking on my sessions. Members of the first placement student in club will be able to book January. Without the support of the Vale and entrepreneur and an Waterloo Foundation, I would not have been able to start my own team for one-to-one business." Jones.

GVS TALKS IN BARRY

Glamorgan Voluntary Services' Vale voluntary action & community development network will be held on October 10

from 10am - noon, at Barry Community Enterprise Centre.

Becky Wickett, Vale Council, will provide an update on the Dewis Cymru website, which gives information about Well-being services in Wales, and Emma Mallam, Motion Control

Dance CIO, will describe the work of the charity in the Vale.

Rhian Thomas, Connected Carers project officer, will talk about the Big Lottery-funded consortium project, led by GVS, that will provide support for family carers of people with life-long or life-limiting conditions in Cardiff and the Vale.

Contact Dave Edwards by Friday, October 6, Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) on 01446 741706; or enquiries@gvs.wales. Website: www.gvs.wales.

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Rhoose cinema's first birthday!

FIRST birthday celebrations were in full swing last weekend, at the start of the autumn screenings at Rhoose Community Cinema.

The packed audience were entertained by the British film *Time of their Lives*.

During the evening a wonderful £110 was raised for Adventure For Dementia, a 15 mile costal walk organised by Lucy Payne of Wine Street Coffee, (Llantwit Major) which RCC chairperson Joanne Wain took part in.

Joanne said: "The cinema's re-launch night was special for two reasons; firstly our first birthday and then the generosity of our lovely audience, who donated such a wonderful amount for a very worthy cause.

"The cinema team would like to thank everyone who came on Saturday and look forward to welcoming you back in October."

For next month's screening, keep your eyes peeled in the What's On section of The GEM.



Lucy Payne receiving the cinema's donation from Joanne Wain.



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BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

ON Friday, September 29, Knights Estate Agents in Barry is joining the World's Biggest Coffee Morning at its offices on High Street, Barry, from 11am, to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Attending the event are Alun Cairns MP, Jane Hutt AM, Barry Town Mayor Nic Hodges, the Deputy Mayor of the Vale Council, Leighton Rowlands, as well as High Street traders and members of the public.

**50TH YEAR FOR YACHT RACE**

LOOK out across the Channel on Saturday, September 30 from about 1pm, and you should see yachts taking part in the annual Highlight Race, which has been held by Barry Yacht Club, under various sponsors and names, since 1968.

The race reaches its half century this year, having started in 1968 when the then vice commodore, Geoff Winter, negotiated with the BBC for sponsorship and filming of the event, which was organised by Barry Yacht Club.

Known as the BBC TV Race, it was an immediate success, aided by the free entry – which was unusual in those days.

The first race attracted an entry of 56 vessels and everyone was glued to their TV sets on the Monday evening when a very short glimpse of the racing appeared on the Welsh news programme.

The BBC continued to support the race for around 20 years, with transmissions lasting only a minute or so. The filming crews were taken on a variety of

powered vessels, which followed the sailing fleet. The Barry Lifeboat was sometimes used, and filming also took place on competing vessels.

The club was able to obtain some of the film from later years on reels, which are now available on a CD.

The event has traditionally been run as an end of season fun race, with boats coming to Barry from all parts of the Bristol Channel.

The number of entries increased over a very few years and in 1971, exceeded 100 for the first time.

In recent years, there has been added interest due to a team competition between Porlock Weir Sailing Club and Barry Yacht Club.

The sponsorship of the race changed over the years and it is now sponsored by John Webb, of Highlight Building and Property Maintenance.

For more information on Barry Yacht Club, contact bccsecretary@hotmail.co.uk or call 01446 735511.

See also Facebook: Barry Yacht Club; Twitter: @BarryYacht. BD/WMC

DIAG GROUP OBJECTIONS ARE SENT TO NATURAL RESOURCES WALES

THE next meeting of Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth will be held on Tuesday, October 3, at 7.30pm in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry.

A spokesman said: "The Docks Incinerator Action Group has submitted a 100-page document of objections to the incinerator being given a licence to operate.

"The document has been scientifically researched by the hard-working Docks Incinerator Action Group team, and makes it clear that Natural Resources Wales will be in no position to consider an operating licence, without answering the many new concerns and questions raised about this blot on the landscape.

"Even as the incinerator is being built, it has disturbed the sleep, peace of mind and health of some local residents who have

complained about the floodlights which illuminates the area, with generators throbbing as work seems to be taking place overnight.

"At the same time, councillors are bombarding the Vale Council with questions about the planning advice they were given when considering whether or not an incinerator should ever be built on Barry's dock."

On another topic, the spokesman explained: "Barry and Vale Friends of the Earth have made representations to the 'Active Travel' consultation, which aims to improve cycling, walking and public transport provision.

"The group will also be asking the Vale Council to promote the latest plastic bottle use schemes, to cut down on the plastic which is filling our ocean marine systems and ends up on beaches world-wide."

SCHOOL GET NEW KITS

Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc has said 'thank you very much' to Darryl Evans and Liz Shackell, from Lexus Cardiff, for sponsoring its brand new football kits.

Darryl and Liz presented the kits during a special assembly at the school. They received a big welcome from the pupils and staff at the school, who were all over the moon with the new kits.

Aidan, a year-6 pupil at the school, was overjoyed with the new kits: "I can't wait to wear the kit in a game. I'm sure the new kit will bring us good luck!"

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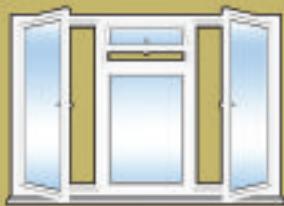
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NEWS IN BRIEF

PORTHCAWL Museum and Historical Society is holding a quiz night in the Hi-Tide Inn, Mackworth Road, Porthcawl on Thursday, October 5, at 7pm.

The quiz starts at 8pm, Bar meals are available. Tickets (£5 per person) are available from the museum in John Street.

Llantwit Remembrance

LLANTWIT MAJOR's annual Remembrance Day service will take place on Sunday, November 12 at the Town Square Cenotaph at 11am.

The parade assembly point will be at the rugby club car park at 10.15am. A briefing meeting will be held in the town rugby club on Wednesday, October 4 at 7pm and all interested parties are invited to attend.

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Photograph taken by reader Geoff Cook.

Coffee for Macmillan

SNOWDROP Independent Living, Windsor Road, Penarth, will be supporting the Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning fundraising event on Friday, September 29.

Tea, coffee and cakes will be served from 9am to 4.30 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Rural community pays its respects

THE local farming and hunting community has paid its respects to John and Jill Rosser, owners of the point-to-point course at Uplands Farm, Ystradown, who tragically died within the same week recently.

Hundreds attended the funeral at St Canna's Church, Llangan, a sign of just how much members of the rural community were moved by the shock news.

John was born on the farm, and he and Jill worked tirelessly to help the

two point-to-points become successful. Jill would procure a huge amount of sponsorship for the Glamorgan fixture, and John would carry out an immense amount of work behind the scenes to ensure that both fixtures were run on good ground.

Point-to-point secretary Peter Thomas said: "John and Jill were a devoted couple who I think were proud to see people enjoying themselves on their farm."

"We at the Glamorgan Hunt are devastated at this sudden loss, and extend our deepest condolences to the family."

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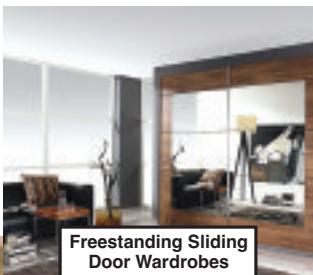


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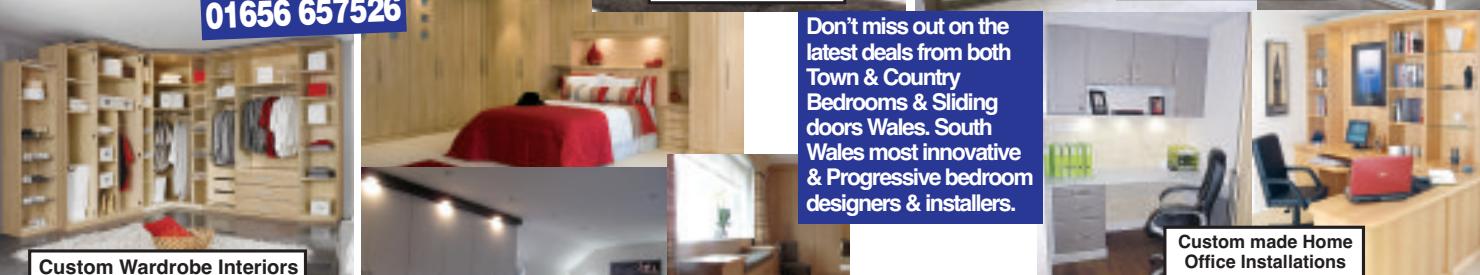


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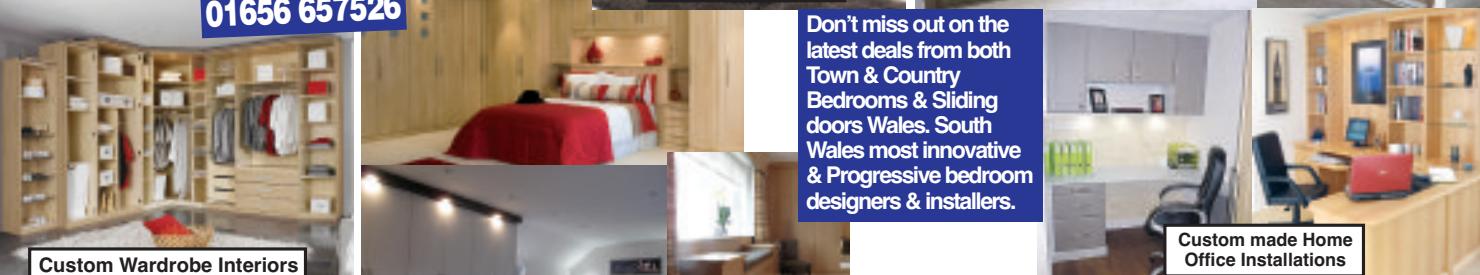
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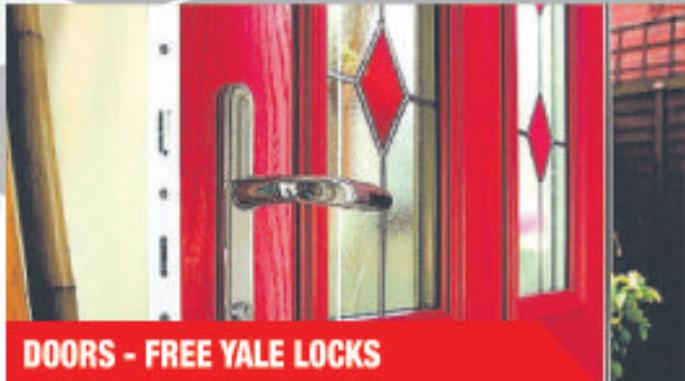
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WHAT'S ON, AND WHERE?

Cowbridge Gardening club meets

THE next meeting of the Cowbridge Gardening Club is taking place today, Thursday, September 28 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall.

Kevin Thomas will speak on 'Bulbs, corms and tubers'; new members welcome.

Call the secretary, Pam Jones, on 01446 773322 for further information about the club.

Music festival tuned up well!

THE eighth Cowbridge Music Festival has now concluded and has been the most successful yet.

Among the many highlights were the concerts on September 17 and 18 which showcased 24 young talented musicians aged between five and 20 from south Wales.

The performers, who included singers, pianists, harpists, clarinetists, percussionists, violinists and cellists were selected to take

Macmillan coffee

Snowdrop Independent Living, Windsor Road, Penarth will be supporting the Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning fundraising event on Friday, September 29.

Tea, coffee and cakes will be served from 9am to 4.30pm.

TOP tax help

TOP (Tax Help for Older People) income tax surgery offering

free professional advice to older people on restricted incomes will take place at Roz Couzens' Chiropody Surgery, Unit 4, Commercial House, Commercial Street, Llantwit Major on Monday, October 2 from 10am – 12pm.

No appointment necessary. To access the TOP's helpline, call 0845 6013321 or 01308 488066. Home visits can be arranged.

TelV Project

THE TelV Project aims to improve quality of life by helping vulnerable people manage the risks of living in their own homes.

The Vale's Telecare service provides support with the help of modern technology; the TelV and TelEV+ will be available to be seen and demonstrated at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday,

October 3 from 10am to 12pm.

No appointment is needed, just call in and have a chat; call 01446 732385 for further information.

Outreach support

A NEW Living Well with Arthritis support group has started in Barry at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

Whether you have been recently diagnosed or have been living with it for some time, we're here with information and support.

The group is tailored to your needs and will include information on diet, medication, Tai Chi, Yoga etc. These

sessions can help you: understand your condition more; feel more confident to manage your symptoms; have access to the information, support and services to make more informed choices and take control.

You can make positive lifestyle changes such as reviewing your diet; communicate effectively about arthritis and how it affects you; feel less isolated and increase your self-confidence.

Sessions will be held monthly on Tuesday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm.

The next drop-in dates are October 3, November 7, and December 5.

Call 01446 732385, or 07711 369456 for further information, or just pop along.

AM's surgery

JANE Hutt AM will be holding an advice surgery on Friday, October 6 from 10am to 11am.

This will be held at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday,

October 3 from 10am to 12pm.

No appointment is needed. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Rotary coffee

ROTARY Club of Barry are holding a coffee morning on Saturday, October 7 at 10.30am in All Saints' Church Hall, Park Road, Barry.

Musical will be provided by versatile musical duo Double Tops. There will be a raffle and cake, paper and book stalls.

The club will also be promoting their emergency information

scheme, Message in a Bottle and these can be collected free of charge.

Admission is £1 and proceeds will go to Rotary Club charities.

Rhoose Art

RHOOSE Art group will be holding their annual art show on Saturday, October 7 at the Community Centre, Stewart Road, Rhoose from 11am to 5pm.

50p entry to include tea and biscuits.

There will also be raffle prizes, sale cards, paintings and refreshments.

PACT meeting

CADOC Ward – meet your local police officers at Waitrose, Palmerston Road, Barry, on Monday, October 9 between 2pm and 4pm.

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Working with the UK Modern Slavery Training Delivery Group, part of the Government's strategy to combat trafficking/slavery, the intention is to find out the extent of

public knowledge of human trafficking and modern slavery.

The results will help to inform and direct the group's work. The online version, which will open on October 1 and close on October 7, is accessed from www.sigbi.org/ukpac/survey/.

Club programme action officer, Pat Salt, said: "It is hoped that a wide range of people will give a few minutes of their time to log in and complete the survey – so we can find out how much and, perhaps just as importantly, how little, people are aware of what is happening in their towns and villages."

Barry Waterfront store marking International Wallpaper Week

TO celebrate International Wallpaper Week, customers at a famous Barry store will not have to pay any VAT on every roll of wallpaper they buy all next week – and will be saving 20 per cent.

Terry Sylvester, who runs Silver Star with his brother David, is the third generation of the family that began in Barry 125 years ago and their first wallpaper shop opened in High Street in 1900.

Terry said: "VAT is the 20 per cent tax that is unknown to many people, a huge cost to everyone on almost everything, except children's clothing and take-away food, that is bought."

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The five-star resort, which has hosted celebrities from footballer Gareth Bale to US President Barack Obama, is helping the Sully-based children's hospice celebrate 18 years of 'being there' for life-limited children and their families across Wales – with a magical black tie ball.

The Enchanted Garden Ball on Friday, November 17 sponsored by IT company Nuvias, aims to raise more than £30,000 in much-needed funds for the hospice, through ticket sales, a raffle and auction.

Guests will enjoy a champagne reception, a gourmet dining experience, and top class entertainment – before bidding for fantastic auction prizes: from an overnight stay

at both the Hardwick in Abergavenny and Court Colman Manor in Bridgend, to a flying experience – with rugby star Ian Gough as the pilot!

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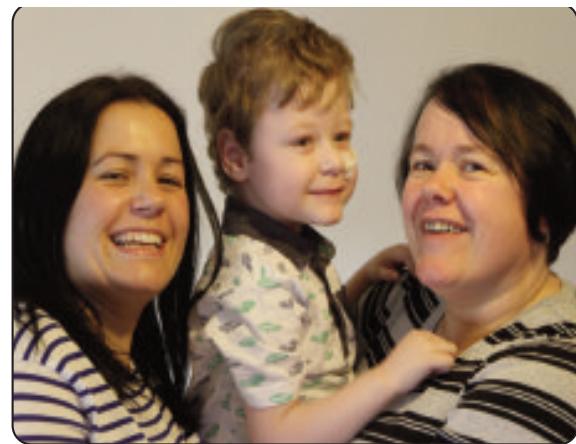
Money raised during the evening will help the charity support children like five-year-old Kayden Griffiths from Merthyr Tydfil, who has a life-limiting condition and needs 24-hour care.

His mum Lisa said: "The doctors told me after his second birthday he wouldn't be here now.

"But look at him – he's cheeky, he's so intelligent it shocks you, and he's determined. No matter what life throws at him, he just gets on with it. It doesn't faze him. He's a miracle. So we don't look into the future, we take it one day at a time."

"All the staff are fabulous. I know I'm safe to leave Kayden with them and I can put my faith in them.

"And Kayden's



"TY HAFAN IS AMAZING,"

happy there – he loves playtime and meeting new people. He clicked with one little boy and that made my day – I was crying because he played football with him; he can't even walk, but he was on the floor kicking the football and thoroughly enjoyed it. It was absolutely amazing – he didn't even want to come home.

"I'd tell someone going through the same

thing not to be afraid to ask for help. I was, and that's why it got so bad, because I wasn't coping. But you have to be open to anything they offer you because Ty Hafan is amazing."

Tickets are still

available for the event, priced £65 for a single ticket or £600 for a table of 10. For a booking form, email events@tyhafan.org or visit www.tyhafan.org/ball.

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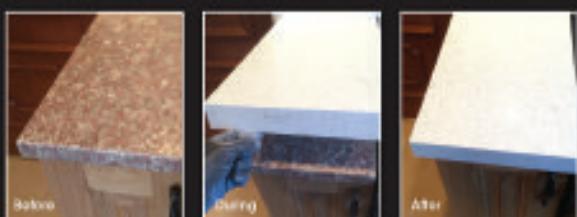
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KINGSMAN SEQUEL ENTERTAINS, BUT ULTIMATELY FALLS SHORT...

THE journey of Matthew Vaughn from producer to director has been a pretty seamless one since he made his debut with *Layer Cake* in 2004.

However, Vaughn has never tackled a sequel, having passed on following up his reinvigoration of the *X-Men* franchise, *First Class*, and passing on the second *Kick-Ass* film.

With *Kingsman: The Secret Service*, Vaughn hit commercial pay dirt yet again, and he obviously felt there was more to tell in this series as he returns to the director's chair for *The Golden Circle*.

This time round, Eggy (Taron Egerton) is settled into his life as a spy for the Kingsman,

but when home-making billionaire drug dealer Poppy (Julianne Moore) wipes out all but Eggsy and man-with-a-plan Merlin (Mark Strong), they are forced to team up with their American counterparts, the Statesmen.

Working alongside Agent Whiskey (Pedro Pascal), Eggsy is determined to track down and eliminate Poppy for good, but his plans are thrown a curveball when he discovers that Harry (Colin Firth), his mentor killed in the first film, is alive and living at the Statesmen's headquarters...

When The Secret Service made its bow three years ago, it was met with plenty of acclaim. Adapting Mark Millar's graphic novel for the big screen, Matthew Vaughn

captured the energy, humour and scale, making it a fun and thrilling espionage film with a very British twist.

That there would be a sequel seemed a no-brainer, but what was less likely was that Vaughn would return. Emboldened no doubt by the success of the first one, he has ramped up the high-octane action, raised the stakes and the scale and, less successfully, has tried to be a little too smart and clever for his own good, in a sequel that entertains but falls short of expectations.

While hardly a provocateur, Vaughn is a director who likes to push buttons (witness the promise made by Princess Tilde to Eggsy if he gets her free in the first *Kingsman*) and he does the same here.

While there are moments that are good, there are also moments that aren't so good.

While the film is humorous, some of the comedy feels in poor taste (a trip to Glastonbury comes with a pay-off that is woefully judged and a little awkward) and while the first film's Pygmalion-esque plot had a degree of charm,



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decent shift here, as Eggsy's personal and professional lives come crashing together, while the returning Colin Firth, despite having an intriguing plot point (albeit one that stretches credibility even in this universe) doesn't quite click into place alongside him.

The new additions to the cast are starry yet shortchanged.

Julianne Moore's character is interesting yet undercooked, despite Moore giving it her best, while Channing Tatum, Pedro Pascal, Halle Berry and Jeff Bridges are all used sparingly, despite their prominence in the marketing.

Perhaps the best turn of all comes from an unexpected source, as Elton John revisits his 'Tantrums and Tiaras' personality to great effect, having been kidnapped by Poppy in another undercooked plot point.

While the joke is perhaps overdone, the sight of Elton dropping expletives at henchmen and karate-kicking his way out of trouble is both hilarious and totally bonkers.

However, given the success of the first film, it was inevitable that it

would be compared to *The Secret Service* and in that regard, it is found wanting. Its 141-minute running time is far too bloated, with several sequences ripe for cutting or excising completely (the Glastonbury sequence a prime example), while the gender politics of the film are iffy and the plot itself fails to spark, not helped by a late lurch into drug moralising.

It's daft fun, a film that if you don't think too much about it, is a decent piece of entertainment – but *The Golden Circle* could have been so much more; it just fails to deliver.

VERDICT:

Entertaining fare, but once you think too much about it, it starts to crumble around you. *Kingsman: The Golden Circle* is an OTT espionage film that is a little too indulgent.

Matthew Vaughn's direction is as energetic as ever, the performances decent enough, but its faults will linger longer than its positives. Average.

SEE THIS YOU LIKED: *Kingsman: The Secret Service* (2014), *Kick-Ass* (2010).

'Tis the Seasons to be jolly'

SEASONS, possibly Wales' largest Christmas store, opens its doors at 10am on Saturday, September 30 to show off its new ranges for this coming festive season.

including decorations, artificial trees and so much more – all under one roof (or browse Seasons' online store).

There are several display areas, including a fibre optic and LED room, showcasing hundreds of indoor and outdoor items.

Further inside, discover – now in its fourth year – Santa's Christmas Grotto, which always sells out.

The grotto's make-over theme is surely set to delight Santa and his visitors once again.

Bookings to see Santa go live online around October 1.

To make a booking, go to the Seasons website and click the Grotto link to see available spaces on its calendar.

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WHAT'S ON – NEWS IN BRIEF

Litter pick

THE Love Cowbridge/Hate Litter group are doing their monthly litterpick on Sunday, October 1, meeting behind the town hall at 10am. New volunteers always very welcome; all kit provided.

Crime author

RHOOSE Library will be visited by renowned crime author Belinda Bauer on the evening of Friday, October 6. She has been shortlisted for the CWA Gold Dagger for her book *The Beautiful Dead* and is fundraising for the library. For further information, contact Rhoose Library.



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Vale women complete marathon bike ride

TWO Peterston-super-Ely residents Kate Anstey and Jackie Brown, who featured in The GEM recently when seeking sponsorship for a charity bike ride from John O'Groats to Lands End, have finally crossed the finishing line.

They set off from the north of Scotland on September 9, together with 30 other intrepid female cyclists and battled appalling weather conditions and the gruelling terrain of the Scottish highlands.

However, this failed to dampen their enthusiasm.

Raising funds for the Women Against Cancer campaign kept their legs pumping as they travelled through England, arriving in Hereford for an overnight stop on Sunday, September 17.

The next stage was a 103-mile ride to Bridgwater in Somerset via Tintern Abbey in the picturesque Wye Valley.

This gave a few Welsh supporters the opportunity to wish them good luck as they set off towards the M48 and the old Severn Bridge.

Travelling over the



Journey's end! Jackie and Kate at Land's End.

Clifton Suspension Bridge towards the Cheddar Gorge was their next target before an overnight stop in Bridgwater.

Over the next two days the rolling hills of Devon and Cornwall proved excruciating but on Wednesday,

September 20, after cycling 1,004 miles they arrived at their final destination of Lands End.

Congratulations to all concerned, particularly

local residents Jackie Brown and Kate Anstey. Kate is a proud mother and the daughter of Jock and Marie Anstey, themselves both keen cyclists before decimalisation and well known throughout the Vale farming fraternity.

Kate Anstey added: "Jackie and I would like to say a big thanks to everyone who donated. I have raised over £3,000 and with the other 30 women we have raised over £125,000.

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"Our ride was over 1,000 miles, climbed 46,955 ft and was in the saddle for over 80 hours over 12 days. There were a few bike collisions, one broken bike but all the women were ok.

"An amazing journey, organised by Action for Charity, Women vs Cancer, with fantastic guides, a mechanic and doctor who cycled with us. We have never eaten so much cake but we certainly needed it."

THE Christmas cognoscenti say that the festive season "...comes but once a year".

They are, of course, right. Christmas seemingly starts on Boxing Day and ends on December 25. Christmas foods, including mince pies with an expiry date pre-Hallowe'en, were in local supermarkets the day after the Autumn term commenced...

For the hard-pressed people manning publications up and down the land, this means the run-up to Christmas is not only a time of peace and goodwill to all, but a desperate search for features that are witty, wry, gay, informative, possibly slightly irreverent, engaging, original and in no way cobbled from last year, or, in case readers are paying attention, preceding years.

This Christmas dining feature, which precedes Hallowe'en, Fireworks Week (well, it seems that long these days) and the

beginning of Advent, has been some months in the planning and just a few minutes in the copying and pasting, follows that trend.

Drive for five minutes in the Vale or Bridgend, or walk down any high street for the same length of time and your eyes will be assailed by exhortations in pub and restaurant windows to "BOOK EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS!"

For some, say those with large families but small homes, or the works or society 'Mess Secretary' charged (quite literally in some cases; it can be a punishment duty for a minor infraction of company policy) with organising the office do, it can be a minefield.

And, not wishing to panic anyone, time is running out.

You don't want to be "The Man Who Forgot To Book A Christmas Meal". Rather, you want to be "The Man Who Gave His Friends and Workmates The Best Christmas Party Ever".

Thankfully, hotels and

restaurants in the Vale and Bridgend have got a good reputation for providing not only good festive meals, but entertainment as well.

One man's entertainment is another man's torture, so do be careful about booking a karaoke bar, table-top magician, balloon artist or clown.

Indeed, bearing the recent remake make of *It*, about a killer *auguste*, Kooky the Kreepy Klown might not be the best choice.

Key things are:

Know your group's preferences. There is little point booking a *churrasco* for a group of vegans. Also, formal or fun, or a combination of the two? A spot of dancing, perhaps?

How about a themed evening? The 1980s' revival continues apace, whilst cabaret or tribute acts are eternally popular. Or, perhaps, a murder-mystery night

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING - *time to make some plans!*



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Mains

Stuffed Turkey Ballotine wrapped in Ham, Duck fat potatoes, Carrot & Suede Purée, Roast Parsnip, Shredded Sprouts

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Know your budget. Cheap and cheerful or haute cuisine and the finest wines known to humanity. Happy mediums exist, though.

Know your limits. Just one drink can spell disaster for a driver. Is it worth booking a taxi or even a minibus? What about an overnight stay? Hotels and upmarket B&Bs abound.

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Once you've made your decision, it's time to lift the phone and make that all important booking, and now, before you miss out.

Make the festive season, in the words of the inimitable Andy Williams, "...the most wonderful time of the year" and may The GEM be the first to wish you a very happy Christmas.

NB The eagle-eyed among you will have noted that male-specific terms have been used throughout. This is because The GEM's female readership tasked with organising the Christmas do have, no doubt, done all the prep, circulated menus, booked the evening, taken deposits and are now considering a new handbags and gladrags, heels and hairstyles ready for the big night out...



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OVER a typical Christmas, it's possible that you might attend a number of different functions.

Eating out with friends is the most relaxed, obviously, but dining with office colleagues or far-flung family can take you out of your comfort zone – particularly if you find yourself sitting close to a self-professed wine expert.

It takes a great deal of study to become a sommelier – as a wine snob might say – but you can get by with a little research...

Here's a wine glossary of some of the most common wine terms and what they mean, supplied by Sam Wylie-Harris, of the Press Association.

WINE experts, sommeliers and retailers love to tell us about the wines we should be drinking and enjoying, but what about their wine-tasting notes?

You know, those flowery descriptions such as, 'Framed with honeysuckle and heather', 'Fruit flavours that hint at herb and stem', or, 'So minerally you can almost taste the chalk'.

Ideally, they should inspire us to drink more wine, but if words such as terroir, herbaceous or brut nature leave you lost in translation, here's how to get to grips with the wine words we often find confusing, so you can spend more time appreciating the wine lingering on your tongue.

Or should we say: "Picking up energy on the

long finish".

1/ Acidity

Good acidity brings crispness to the wine and the right level of acidity stops it from being too sweet or watery.

2/ Aftertaste

The flavour that lingers in the mouth after swallowing your wine wine.

3/ Aperitif

If a wine is described as a good aperitif, it's best enjoyed as a pre-dinner drink rather than with the meal. Delicately flavoured, or light white wines, usually fall into this category.

4/ Balance

When a wine is beautifully balanced, the flavour, acidity, tannins and body enhance each other and create the perfect package.

5/ Brut

The driest style of sparkling wine with a tiny amount of sugar, while Brut Nature (sometimes referred to as skinny champagne) is a very dry style of fizz without any sugar added at the dosage stage. Speaking of which...

6/ Dosage

The amount of sugar added to a bottle of fermented sparkling wine after the sediments and dead yeast cells are removed, and before corking, hence a bottle of bubbly might be 'low dosage'.

7/ Earthy

Some reds are described as earthy (usually in a positive sense) which refers to the dryness in the mouth, and is associated with the soil where the

grapes were grown.

8/ Flabby

A trendy word for a wine when it's watery with little or no acidity, and one that should be left on the shelf.

9/ Fleshy

This is a good word and one we like. It means the wine has ample fruit, texture and body.

10/ Herbaceous

If you love a vibrant New Zealand sauvignon blanc, a good style will be deliciously herbaceous, with well balanced flavours and hints of herbs.

11/ Oxidised

This is exactly what you don't want in a wine. It means the wine has had too much exposure to the air and is tarnished. Watch out for that half empty bottle that's been sitting on the side for more than two days.

12/ Tannin

Tannin is mostly found in red wines and refers to the class of compounds that create a puckery sensation in the mouth. It also gives a wine structure and enables some wines to age well.

13/ Terroir

A French term that refers to the climate, soil and vine growing conditions in the vineyard that have influenced the wine.

14/ Mineliness

Mineliness means many things to many people – and many wines. But it usually refers to the taste of a blanc de blancs champagne



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Reversible class: 1, Mr Jer Coakley (Republic of Ireland); 2, Mr Elfed Jones (Wales); 3, Mr Dave Carnegie (Scotland); 4, Mr Alan Critchlow (England).

Class 1 semi-digger – World Style: 1, Mr Evan Watkin; 2, Mr Rhodri George; 3, Mr David Chappell; 4, Mr Ian Williams; 5, Mr John Murphy.

Class 3 reversible ploughing – World Style: 1, Mr Elfed Jones; 2, Mr Jer Coakley; 3, Mr Dave Carnegie; 4, Mr Alan Critchlow; 5, Mr Wyn Jones.

Class 4 general purpose or semi-digger (classic): 1, Mr Paul Studley; 2, Mr Desmond Jenkin; 3, Mr David Hankey; 4, Mr Hugo Hoyle; 5, Mr David Pritchard.

Class 5 vintage ploughing – trailer: 1, Mr Richard Vaughan; 2, Mr Gordon Harries; 3, Mr Sam Jones; 4, Mr John Alwyn Jones; 5, Mr Mike Yeats.

Class 6 vintage ploughing – hydraulic: 1, Mr Richard William Ingram; 2, Mr Arthur Jennings; 3, Mr Emlyn Jones; joint 4, Mr Cliff

Hamer and Mr John Lewis. Class 7 high cut: 1, Mr Peter Stone; 2, Mr John Saunders; 3, Mr Graham Soule; 4, Mr Vernon Davies; 5, Mr John Paul.

Class 8 Ferguson Te20: 1, Mr Graham Lloyd Jones; 2, Mr Keith Williams; 3, Mr Andrew Drinkwater; 4, Mr Robert Godfrey; 5, Mr Phillip Jones.

Class 9 horse ploughing – high cut: 1, Mr John Fletcher; 2, Mr Malcolm Kerswell.

Class 10 horse ploughing – general purpose: 1, Mr Michael Puxty; 2, Mr Daniel Kerswell; 3, Mr Peter Hayler; 4, Ms Jane Muntz-Torres and Mr Andrew Elms; 5, Mr John Mattingley.

Class 11 best turnout (horse ploughing): Ms Jane Muntz-Torres and Mr Andrew Elms.

Class 12 best working team of horses (unled): Mr Daniel Kerswell.

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Class 13 Glamorgan Style Open: 1, Mr Gareth Evans; 2, Mr John Davies; 3, Mr Roger R Minchin; 4, Mr James Liley.

Border Fine Arts Champion Welsh Horse Ploughman: Mr John Fletcher.

The Richard & Heather March Trophy, best work in semi-digger under 26 class: Mr James George.

The Monmouthshire Perpetual Trophy, Best ploughing work done by a Monmouthshire ploughman: Mr Richard Vaughan.

CLA Trophy, Champion Hedger: Mr Mark Pritchard.

The Barbara & Glyn Davies Perpetual Cup, Best ploughing work done by a ploughman residing in Pembrokeshire, Glamorgan or Carmarthenshire: Mr Rhodri George.

Pritchard. Champion Welsh Hedger: Mr Gareth Evans.

Wire fencing

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Champion Welsh Tractor Ploughman: Mr Evan Watkin.

Reserve Champion Welsh Tractor Ploughman: Mr Elfed Jones.

The Welsh representatives in world contest

Conventional: Mr Evan Watkin. Reversible: Mr Elfed Jones.

PERPETUAL TROPHIES

The Evan Davies Trophy, Best Young Ploughman under 26 years on January 1, 2000 for the best work in any class: Mr James George.

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'COME ON, LET'S CELEBRATE...' £2,000 Lottery windfall is cue for a tenants' party!



Celebration time! Maud Mackowiak is pictured (front left) with fellow tenants at Elis Fisher Court and Amy Yip (second right, back row).

OLDER people living at independent living schemes

in the Vale of Glamorgan

had a party on September

14 following £2,000 from

the Big Lottery Fund

Celebrate programme.

More than 60 people, living at

Newydd Housing Association

homes for people aged over 55,

came to the Barry Memorial Hall

to enjoy a Welsh heritage themed

party that included Welsh produce,

live music and an award

ceremony.

Jane Hutt, AM for the Vale,

presented tenants with their

awards, she said: "I was delighted to join this wonderful celebration, which has brought tenants together and created a real sense of community, which can help combat loneliness and isolation amongst older people."

Newydd gained £2,000 from

the Big Lottery Fund Celebrate

programme last year to organise a

celebration event to thank tenants

for their hard work in bringing

together their close-knit

communities at the housing

schemes.

Following research by YouGov

for the Big Lottery it was found

that six out of 10 people could not

remember ever coming together to

celebrate with their community – awards, she said: "I was delighted to join this wonderful celebration, which has brought tenants together and created a real sense of community, which can help combat loneliness and isolation amongst older people."

Maud Mackowiak a tenant at

Elis Fisher Court, an independent

living scheme owned by Newydd

in Barry, said: "This Lottery

funding has meant that we have

been able to get together and meet

up with our great bunch of friends.

"I don't go outside that often,

so this event has been wonderful

in allowing us to do what we love.

Tenants from all schemes have put

in so much effort in organising the

event from making table

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The Penarth food fest makes a tasty return!

SUNDAY, September 17, saw the return of the GPG Penarth Local Food Festival to the Kymen on Beach Road, following a break last year.

First held in 2011, the annual event had become a popular and much anticipated fixture on the town's calendar, a spokesperson reports.

The festival is organised by local environmental organisation Gwyddio Penarth Greening (GPG) and aims to highlight the vast range of quality, independent food producers and businesses in the area and provides a unique showcase for the very best of local produce.

From the opening of the festival at 11am, the site was filled with crowds of Penarth locals and visitors keen to sample the wide array of treats on offer. The crowds were spoilt for choice by the mouth-watering range of hot and cold foods on display from the local businesses.

A variety of lunchtime options were on offer from local restaurants Crepe Escape, the Fig Tree, Restaurant James Sommerin and more with vegetarians well catered for by Parsnipship and 'Hand baked by Mally Hann'.

The festival also provided an ideal opportunity for visitors to stock up on locally produced cheeses, breads, cakes, ciders and more. Penarth based company, 'A Bit Of a Pickle' offered a

range of chutneys and pickles made from local produce, a good accompaniment to the many cheeses on offer from Glebe Street's Fauvette.

Local greengrocers, The Windsor Fruit Stores provided an eye catching display of fresh local produce. Owner Patricia Lenthal said: "The festival is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the many independent businesses in our town and we are proud to be part of the Penarth family."

Children were well catered for with a range of activities in the kid's craft tent and the return of the always popular Eggseeds stand, where children of all ages could interact with the chickens. Many visitors commented favourably on the family friendly nature of the event.

GPG were delighted with the day's success. "The festival is a real celebration of community and local food," said organiser Anthony Slaughter. "The crowds at this year's event show a strong appetite for the local and sustainable and we look forward to continuing with the event in future years."

The organisers would like to thank the hard working GPG volunteers who helped make the day run so smoothly, the staff at the Kymen whose support was invaluable, the traders with their tasty offerings and also the many visitors who helped make the day so enjoyable.

FUN AND GAMES AT THE WI!



SEPTEMBER 5 was the first meeting of this season, and it was back to school, with Deborah Elward instructing Highlight Park WI members on how to protect

themselves, both inside the home and out.

Tips on how to install very minor devices to have an early warning on anyone trying to gain access to our homes while we are away for

instance, window alarms, chain on doors, key safes, fake TV, etc were taken on board – and Deborah gave a very lively talk with members recalling times when they were burgled and how they coped with it.

A visit was made by members to the National Botanic Gardens of Wales, which opened in May 2000 and was the first botanic garden of the new Millennium, built in 568 acres of Regency parkland.

The Great Glasshouse is an impressive piece of architecture and the largest single span glasshouse in the world.

Other places we looked at and visited included a butterfly house, an ice house, various ponds, rills and

walks. and they finished the day with cakes and tea.

A games night and buffet helped raise funds for the Blood Bikes of Wales charity and a cheque for £1,500 was presented by secretary Pam to their representative.

The money was raised by holding two events – a ploughman's lunch and a coffee morning. The games night on September 19 was enjoyed by members playing games, Call My Bluff, quizzes, and listening to monologues and poems.

Meetings continue as usual with a meeting on October 17 at 7pm Sewing Circle on Thursdays at 2pm, and an afternoon meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 2pm. DB

Please hand in my mum's pink jacket' – BARRY APPEAL

A BARRY woman has appealed for her mother's distinctive pink jacket to be handed in at Morrisons supermarket.

Victoria Gabb told The GEM: "While having breakfast in Morrisons' cafe on Saturday, September 9, between 10am and 11am, my mum accidentally left her pink, light-weight jacket on the back of the chair.

"We have been back to check, but it has not been handed in. My mother is a pensioner and has only worn the coat twice.

"I'm sure this has been picked up in error and would appreciate if you could return it to Morrisons."

The family have asked Morrisons to check CCTV footage.

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ROCKIN' ON THE SQUARE AS PART OF THE 'SHOP LOCAL' CAMPAIGN



HOLTON Road Traders launched their 'Shop Local' campaign with a Party on the Square on September 23.

The sun shone on Barry's King Square as rock bands took to the stage and local food producers cooked up a variety of treats for those attending the festival.

As part of the festival, Barry Library was host to a performance from Barry Community Choir, as well as a Reptile Party, which featured a 10-stone Boa Constrictor!

Among those attending were Vale MP Alun Cairns who said: "Congratulations to Dave Elliott and the Holton Road Traders for organising such a fun day. There really was something for everyone."

"Shop Local is a crucial campaign, as Barry's independent businesses rely on our support. This launch demonstrates the determination of the Holton Road traders to compete against the big name brands."

"I urge everyone who shops in the town centre to pay a visit to some of the fantastic independent stores gracing our shopping quarter."

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ABOVE:
Smiley, happy people enjoying the fun and festivities of the Party on the Square organised by the Holton Road Traders.

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ATODLEN 1

Insert Map of the Proposed Disabled Persons Parking Places

Everard Street, Y Barri (30) (AV53)

Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain o linell derfyn rhifau eiddo 28 a 30 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5 metr.

Vale Street, Y Barri (AX49)

Ar ochr y gogledd o bwnt tua 6 metr i'r gorllewin o'r gyffordd â Park Crescent, tua'r gorllewin am 12 metr.

Dyddiedig 28 o Fedi 2017.

M. E. Punter
Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thaith
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, The Alps,
Gwenfô CF5 6AA



THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING
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(CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT)
(NO 7A) ORDER 2017

- On the 25th September 2017 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is to install the disabled persons parking places at the locations specified in the Schedule below.
- The Order will come into operation on 2nd October 2017 or on the dates that the signs and road markings are in place whichever is the later and be known as the "Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment) (No 7A) Order 2017"
- A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.
- If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 2nd October 2017 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE 1

Insert Map of the Proposed Disabled Persons Parking Places

Everard Street, Barry (30) (AU53)

On the north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 28 and 30 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

Vale Street, Barry (AX49)

On the north side from a point approximately 6 metres west of the junction with Park Crescent, in a westerly direction for a distance of 12 metres.

Dated this 28th Day of September 2017.

M. E. Punter
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THE hunt is on to find Wales' best teachers for this year's Professional Teaching Awards.

Cymru Education Secretary Kirsty Williams has announced the return of the Professional Teaching Awards Cymru to celebrate the commitment, dedication and hard work of teachers across Wales.

Students, parents, colleagues, and employers are being urged to nominate teaching professionals from across Wales who have made a real difference in their school or education setting.

This year, the nine categories you can vote for include Teacher of the

Year, Headteacher of the Year and Inspirational use of the Welsh Language.

Kirsty Williams said: "Our teachers are central to our national mission to raise standards and make sure our children and young people reach their full potential."

"Nominations are now open and we would love the people of Wales to take a moment to put forward teachers and

staff so we can recognise the best from across Wales."

Anne Keane, who was HM Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales until her retirement in 2015, won the Welsh Government Special Recognition Award in 2017.

Anne said: "It was wonderful to know that my peers in the education sector thought highly enough of my work to nominate me for a Professional Teaching Award. I want to wish the best of luck to schools and teachers being nominated across Wales for this year's awards."

"I'm sure the next winner will be truly deserving of the accolade!"

Nominations are open until November, with the winners being revealed at an exclusive awards ceremony in May 2018.

To nominate a teaching professional doing great work in your area, visit: gov.wales/teachingawardscymru.

Standing up for Wales in paddleboard contest



Welsh SUP team members in Copenhagen.

THE SUP (stand up paddleboard) world championships recently took place Denmark and the Welsh team, who had never attended a world event previously, finished the competition 27th out of the 42 countries who took part.

at the remote fishing village of Vorupor in the north west of Denmark, and involved running on the beach, paddling out through the waves, making turns around several buoys – and then racing back through the waves to the finish line on the beach. Kerry finished 37th in this event.

During the SUP surfing contest, the waves grew bigger throughout the day, and the wind picked up to almost gale force, before the contest was put on hold, Kerry finished 25th in this race.

Dog of the Week: Jessie

DOG OF THE WEEK is Jessie, a bright seven-year-old Staffy cross.

She's a bundle of fun and is eager to learn new things, says Dogs Trust Bridgend rehoming centre. She loves going over the agility course, which certainly keeps her fit – and the staff!

She does struggle in socialising with other dogs and this is still a work in progress, but advice and support will be given by our trainers in regard to this.

Jessie will need to be rehomed with a dedicated, experienced owner who has plenty of patience and time to help settle her in. She may need some help being left as she loves to be with people.

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FICKLE WEATHER HITS BARRY SCHOOL RUN First came the sun – and then down came the rain



Saxon took first place in the year-7 race, with Harry taking third and Ben second.



Year 7 on the cross-country run.

THIS year's school sport competitions at Barry Comprehensive began with the annual inter-house cross-country run.

In glorious sunshine to start, followed by torrential rain to finish, all boys from year-7 competed in the inter-house competition, gaining points for their house and form.

The race was exciting to the end, with the top three places secured by Saxon Arthur-Dyer, Ben Cooper, and Harry O'Neill.

Years 8-9 also competed during the day, with competitive and committed running from all involved. The top three from year-8 were: Tom Broome, Joseph Riddick and Ellis Forrester; and from year-9: William Lewis, Carl Sutton, and Harper Chamberlain.

The best-placed runners from each year group will form the representative school teams lining up for the first cross-country fixture of the new season, starting at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg.

Well done to all involved.

Quartet's first, and last, concert in Penarth

ON Friday, October 6, the Flanders Recorder Quartet is coming to Penarth to perform in St Augustine's Church – as part of their farewell tour.

The Quartet has a huge following in Europe and the US and for their first (and only) visit to Wales, they could have performed in Cardiff or Swansea – but they chose Penarth – and St Augustine's in particular, because of its acoustics.

The Friends of St Augustine's is hosting this event, which has

been organised by James Brookmyre (a Cardiff-based performer and recorder teacher) and Cathy Grove, who is a member of the Friends' committee.

To learn more about this quartet, go to www.flanders-recorder-quartet.be/en/about.

The concert starts at 7.30pm in St Augustine's Church and tickets are available online at eventbrite.co.uk, Griffin Books or Pen Cerdd Music, Penarth, at £10/£5 each.

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Macmillan coffee

On Thursday, September 28 from 10am to 12 noon, Jane Hutt AM is hosting a Macmillan coffee morning with Action for Elders and Hafod at Golau Caredig in Barry.

She also attended the Macmillan coffee morning event in the Senedd on September 20.

Gladstone children take part in new musical adventures



COWBRIDGE Music Festival came to Barry last week, and the main hall at Gladstone Primary School came alive with the sound of music.

The children were entertained by Patrick King and the team from Children's Musical Adventures, who visited Gladstone as part of the Cowbridge Music Festival Community Outreach Programme.

A performance for the whole school started the day, followed by drumming and brass workshops for the children in years 4 and 5.

"Patrick's enthusiasm captivated us all. The Community Outreach Programme means that our children get to benefit from musical performances like this, giving pupils the opportunity to experience and try something new. We are very grateful to be a part of it," said Helen Reilly, deputy headteacher.

'Whopping veg' raise funds for Voluntary Concern



THE display of pumpkins and giant vegetables outside The Three Horseshoes Public House in Dinas Powys village centre last week raised the sum of £266 for Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern (DPVC).

The winner of the 'Guess the Weight of the All the Whoppers' competition was Catrin Lewis of Pembroke Close, in Dinas Powys, who won a box of vegetables and wine.

The total weight of all the pumpkins and vegetables was 238kg (524 lbs). Friends of DPVC can donate via Facebook or online by using this website: mydonate.bt.com/charities/dpvc.

Tyley Bottom and Lord Hereford's Knob enjoyed by Ramblers

RACHEL from Penarth and District Ramblers played host to nine walkers at the pretty little market town of Wotton-under-Edge in Gloucestershire recently.

The town dates back to the Neolithic era, but its growth and wealth was accrued mostly from the wool and cloth industry in the 17 and 18th centuries.

Setting off into the lovely bustling High Street and joining part of the Cotswold Way, they entered the grand St Mary the Virgin Church for a brief look around before heading along a pretty path beside a stream to the site of a 17th century corn mill.

Gradually climbing through the lovely verdant valley at Tyley Bottom, before pausing for morning break near the top muddy tracks, a road and paths through a maize crop led them to the stunning Ozleworth estate and the beautiful church of St Nicholas of Myra, surrounded by tall drystone walls.

Descending past a huge lake, fields led them uphill into boggy woodland and exiting onto farm tracks, there were brilliant views towards the Severn Bridge and estuary along with damage beside a wild boar track.

Reaching Tresham for lunch in warm sunshine within the Millennium Garden created by villagers in 2000, they continued down through a long lush valley populated with sheep, cattle and a multitude of fast moving pheasants to the church of St Kenelm, which stands beside the huge Alderley House.

More fields containing sheep, geese and donkeys led them over a river into the Nind Nature Reserve, home to the water vole, before their return across fields to Wotton for refreshments in the Star Inn prior to the journey home.

In contrast Robin and his spaniel Pepper chose a much harder walk in the Black Mountains and arrived at

Mynydd Du Forest under overcast skies.

The party of four set off along a track leading them up to the lovely remote Grwyne Fawr reservoir, built between 1912 and 1928 to supply water to the south Wales valleys.

Arriving at the reservoir, a few drops of rain fell but climbing up onto the escarpment, the dark clouds disappeared to be replaced by bright, warm sunshine.

Pausing for breath at the top while enjoying the panorama of brilliant clear views, they continued over the open moorland to the trig point on Rhos Dirion, where work will take place to repair the erosion to the peat bogs using stone and scalplings.

After chatting to a group of young students taking part in their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award, they made their way along the ridge, passing pretty mountain ponies that frequent the area for the short, but steep, climb to Lord Hereford's Knob or Twmpa.

They enjoyed the breathtaking views towards Hay-on-Wye, the Golden Valley and the Black Mountain ridgeways.

Dropping down through Darren Lwyd for the steep descent into Capel-y-Ffin, a steep climb led them back onto the ridgeway and a pause for refreshments, before what turned into the mammoth task of descending back to the car park through undefined overgrown pathways, which turned the walk into a seven-hour trek!

On September 30, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a nine-mile moderate walk at the Blorenge; contact Clive on 029 2065 4156.

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'POSITIVE FEEDBACK' FROM THE SUMMER SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAMME IN THE VALE

A PROGRAMME that provided good quality meals, food and nutrition sessions and physical activity to children living in deprived areas during the summer holidays, has been hailed as a success in Barry, after it was expanded to run in two schools this summer.

Backed by the Welsh Government, the Food and Fun School Holiday Enrichment Project (SHEP) ran at Cadoxton Primary School from July 31 to August 17 and Ysgol Dewi Sant from July 24 to August 10.

The project saw several Vale of Glamorgan Council departments, including the catering service, the sports & play development teams, as well as the youth service and Communities First, work together to give children access to healthy food and physical activity during the summer holiday.

Approximately 80 pupils and 50 parents attended the sessions.

Coun Bob Penrose, cabinet member for learning and culture, said: "During the school holidays, when free

breakfast in primary schools and free school meals are not available, some families struggle to afford or access food that provides a healthy diet.

"Some children also miss out on socialising with others their age, and on activities to keep their bodies and minds active and learning.

"The 'Food and Fun' programme fills this gap. It is part of a larger programme that is achieving great things across Wales – and the feedback that we have received from those taking part here in Barry has been very positive."

"After being part of the initial pilot last year, and this summer being involved in growing the scheme across Wales, we very much hope we can make this an annual success for the Vale."

WLGA spokesperson for education, Coun Debbie Wilcox, said: "Schools provide a familiar and safe environment for children attending 'Food and Fun' clubs, which have been set up and run by existing school staff and partners over the school summer holidays.

The scheme has engaged a variety of agencies providing enrichment activities that not only reduce the likelihood of learning loss, but to also spark

interest in new sports, hobbies and forging new friendships.

"Across Wales, we are witnessing children enjoying fun and exciting activities, while parents report happier, more contented children that look forward to their next 'Food and Fun' club day, which also alleviates the financial pressure felt over the summer holidays."

To find out more about the 'Food and Fun' programme, visit <http://wlga.wales/food-and-fun>.



The 'Food and Fun' clubs run during the summer were enjoyed by pupils.

'CARING IS IN THE WELSH DNA'... Assembly is praised for 'game-changer' move in social care

THE Welsh Government decision to include social care as one of five key priority areas for its new economic strategy has been hailed as "a potential game-changer" for the sector in Bridgend and the Vale.

According to Care Forum Wales, independent care homes and domiciliary care companies are now getting the recognition they deserve for the £3 billion-a-year contribution they help make to the economy and to communities across Wales.

The announcement by First Minister Carwyn Jones AM was welcomed by the organisation's chairman, Mario Kreft, who said it was a particularly timely boost – when a number of care homes and home care companies in the area were having to close, or give up their contracts because they were not financially viable.

Mr Kreft explained: "In Wales, social care underpins and enables the NHS to function. It

provides care for 150,000 people and employs 75,000 people, which is over five per cent of the Welsh workforce.

"Overwhelmingly, their wages are spent in the local communities where they live and work. And their care provision enables others to work – knowing their loved ones are well looked after.

"Between them, care homes and nursing homes have some 23,000 beds – more than double the number provided by the NHS.

"The First Minister's announcement is a potential game-changer, because the Welsh Government, to their credit, have been talking up social care as a sector of national strategic importance for some time.

"There has been a shift in direction since, making social care a sector of national strategic importance.

"Now the Welsh Government have gone an important step further and identified social care as one of the five key pillars of the Welsh economy.

"The social care sector pumps £3 billion a year into the Welsh economy but that doesn't tell the whole story because that figure, big though it is, pales into insignificance when you consider how much the sector saves us as a nation.

"There's something very Welsh about the whole concept of caring. It's in our DNA."

Mr Kreft said the history of the NHS was rooted firmly in Wales, but emphasised social care is something that also promotes the Welsh economy.

"It enables relatives to remain in employment and to keep economically active. By being economically active of course, they're productive and their sense of health and well-being also benefits.

"We believe that Carwyn Jones and his Government need to be commended for their vision in making this ground-breaking decision because it is a UK first."

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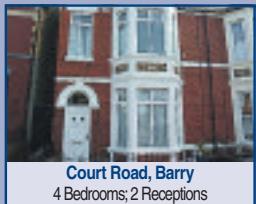
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Mike passed away at home on Saturday, 23rd September. His wife, children and grandchildren will sorely miss his strength, compassion and humour. He fought the four year battle against his illness cheerfully, bravely and with his usual tenacity.

The funeral will be held at Croydon Crematorium, 1.15pm on Thursday, 5th October, and afterwards at St Donat's Art Centre, Atlantic College, overlooking the Bristol Channel, which was a favourite research area of his.

Any donations, in lieu of flowers, should be made either to Marie Curie, Care in the Community Penarth or CHICKS, which provides free respite breaks to disadvantaged children.

His family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all those who cared for and visited Mike throughout his illness. This includes friends, medical staff, nurses and carers from Velindre, the Bristol Cancer Institute, Marie Curie Penarth, and Western Vale Family Practice; who enabled Mike to fulfil his wish to remain at home in City, Llanelli.

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Pearifully September 24th at Bella Vista Nursing Home, Barry, Alexander George (Alex), aged 87 years of Collard Crescent. A loved father of Alexa, Gary, Teresa, Mark, Lee, and father-in-law Paul, Alyson, Warwick, Claire and Alison. Cherished grandfather and great grandfather.

Alex will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends.

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Acknowledgements

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Pearl and family would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their love and support at this sad time.

Special thanks to Rev. Carole Challis, The Waterfront Medical Centre, Llandough Hospital, University Hospital of Wales, Ty Dafn and care staff, The King William IV (The Billy) and Jordan and all at Green Willow Funeral Directors. Many thanks for all the donations received, a total of £400 towards The Alzheimer's Society.

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Shaun Glyn Andrews
27 September

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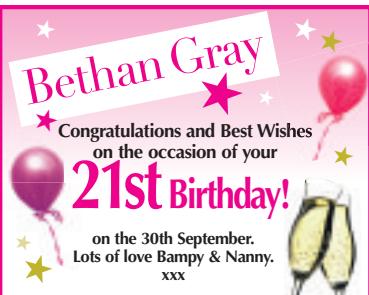
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A LOT of the action in my latest book Racing Rogues – The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales (St David's Press £14.99) takes place in the Vale of Glamorgan, which is a hot spot for equestrian sport.

One of the stories is about a horse qualified with the Glamorgan Hunt which was actually a former racehorse that had run under Jockey Club Rules under one name, and in flapping races (unlicensed) under another – which is simply not allowed, of course.

This horse went on to win the Welsh St Leger in the Vale of Neath, and there are pictures of his owner/rider in action at one of the point-to-points they rode in.

Another story tells of a great 'monster gamble' which took place at Ystradgyniad at the Ystradaf Taf Fochan Hunt Steeplechases in 2002 when a horse backed from 16-1 to 4-1 and off the bookies' boards romped home by an official four lengths.

Then there is the tale of the Vale farmer who rubbed a spot of Vick on his horse's nose – and how it won easily at the Llangeinor Hunt point-to-point at St Mary Hill in 1989, after being made a hot favourite. (*Excuse the pun!* 'Hot' and 'Vick').

The only trouble was, Vick is a banned substance and although the owner/trainer was cleared of any intentional wrong-doing, the Jockey Club fined him £100, anyway!

More recent is the story of a horse trained at Aberkenfig in 2010

which was an unchallenged winner at Hereford races, after being backed from 25-1 to 5-1 despite having woeful form. As one racing reporter put it: "There was outrage in some quarters and amusement in others."

Another, more recent story is the one about a horse trained at Aberthaw, and owned by a well-known Cardiff bookmaker, who landed one of the biggest betting coups ever seen at a point-to-point, and who was ridden by a Cowbridge jockey.

There are pictures of the horse, rider and trainer to accompany this story.

The saddest story I tell is about all those people who were taken for a ride and conned out of many thousands of pounds by a racehorse owner, who once lived in the Vale and who had pretended to be a multi-millionaire.

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The money was used to fund her lavish lifestyle, which included racehorses, big houses, and expensive antiques.

Her racehorse trainer, who was owed around £160,000, said: "I don't like to count it up because it really hurts – and what is more, I will never get my money back because she hasn't got any, I just have to accept it."

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THE sporting prowess and international renown of people from south Wales is well known and celebrated.

Footballers, cricketers, boxers, Olympians and Paralympians, even the odd rugby player or two, have made the grade.

Ice hockey players, however, are in shorter supply, especially when they are recruited – in a pleasantly coals-to-Newcastle way – to play in Canada.

Bayley Harewood, 14, an ice hockey player from Barry has been scouted to join Ice hockey, an academy in Canada designed to identify the next big stars of the sport.

Bayley joins the Canadian International Ice Hockey Academy next month, after being spotted whilst playing for Cardiff Devils and England youth sides.

The Academy, which acts as a talent pool to top sides in the National Hockey League (NHL), is set to take on Bayley for the next four years, during which he will receive schooling and coaching at one of the world's top institutions for budding ice hockey players.

Bayley's dream is to star in the NHL, the world's premier ice hockey league, and become just the third Welshman to ever appear in the competition and the first since Jack Evans in 1963 and Barry-born Wilf Cude who played between 1930 and 1941 in North America.

Bayley was first invited to join the Academy around 18 months before, but Bayley's parents - Dina and Craig - felt he was too young at the time. With Bayley's performances continuing to improve however and interest in his ability



increasing all the time, they decided to travel to Canada to see what it was all about.

"It really blew us away," said Mr Harewood.

"Everything is under one roof. He'll go on the ice first thing in the morning, go to school, back on the ice and then study before bed."

"As well as giving them the opportunity to develop their skills and get recognised by the top clubs, they teach them valuable life skills, and the facilities there are first class."

Every weekend they travel the country playing matches, so he'll be going from 13 games this year to over 60."

Bayley, who plays centre, started playing ice hockey when he was seven years old, after joining his cousin to play for the Junior Devils - the youth wing of the Cardiff Devils ice hockey side.

Since then, he has gone on to represent the South West and England (in the absence of a Welsh international side) at multiple age groups - and has now received a trial call-up to represent Great Britain under-16s.

We could see he was getting better and better every week and he

started getting invited to all these different things," said Mr Harewood.

"He won MVP (most valuable player) for the whole country in his age group, so whilst we weren't necessarily expecting the call-up, it was always in the back of our minds, I suppose."

Bayley is now looking for sponsors to help fund his journey in Canada, and has already been lucky enough to have had his sponsor from the last two years - S&G Air Conditioning Contracts Limited – agree to renew its support for another two years.

Paul Copner, the Barry-based sponsor, said: "We have always

had an interest in supporting the local community and have always been keen to sponsor local sports teams including football, rugby, cricket as well as recognised sports people such as middleweight boxer Martin Murray and European Challenge Tour golfer Matt Ford.

We were made aware of Bayley's search for sponsorship a couple of years ago and with him being from Barry it seemed like a great cause to support.

If you are interested in sponsoring Bayley, please contact Craig and Dina Harewood on: 07811165979 or 07815804246. Alternatively, email: craigharewood7@gmail.com.

CHAMPION PLOUGHMAN SCOOPS TITLE for the 11th time!



Champion Ploughman of Wales, Evan Watkin with Cathy Thomas, wife of the landowner and president, Edward Thomas.

A successful Five Nations Challenge and All Wales Ploughing and Hedging Championships took place at Boerton Place Farm recently, with more than 100 competitors taking part in 10 different ploughing classes, hedge laying, and wire fencing competitions.

The local organising committee of the Welsh Ploughing Association would like to thank everyone who helped out, judged, stewarded, spectated and travelled some considerable distance to attend.

There was a wonderful display by Glamorgan Iron Horse of vintage machinery and tractors through the ages.

The steam ploughing demonstration was a particular highlight, along with the Quack Pack and Glamorgan Hunt.

Next year's championships take place in St Davids on September 22.

Windsor Bowls PG1s finish on a high

Although The PG1 team had already secured promotion, the final game at home to Pontyclun still had a major significance on the final promotion place.

If Windsor could secure all the match points, then Penarth would be promoted. Sadly for our friends at Rectory Road, they could only secure 10 of the 14 points so Pontyclun had cause to celebrate.

The rink scores were: Fullbrook, Thorne, Hope and Woodcock 25/14. Rogers, Ellard, Rees and Close 19/24. Lewis, Morris, Palfrey and McLeod 29/16. Matthews, Burton, Gunter and Holmes 18/21... An overall victory for Windsor by 91 shots to 75.

So, the end of a very successful season for captain Matt Woodcock and the challenge of Division Two for next summer.

Whereas many teams in the area have a weekly struggle to get a full Alliance team, David has had to contend with selection problems, because of the number of willing participants – all of whom will be counting the days to next season.

Barrivale Bridge news

THE results for the Barrivale Bridge Club session on September 19 are as follows:

The top three placed were: first, Mark Roderick and Kay Dyer, 63.49 per cent; second, Mike Close and Jenny Vaughan, 58.33 per cent; third, Jane Brook and Irene Thomas, 53.97 per cent.

The Nancy Malpas handicap winners were June Reeves and Linda Houston.

As always, new members are welcome at the club and a partner may be arranged, if required. To join, call 01446 418380, 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call in at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

The Beginners Bridge Class started on September 22 and is a perfect introduction to

Vale Bridge results

THE results for Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for September 18 are as follows:

First, Mike Best and Kevin Maddox, 68.15 per cent; second, Simon and Debbie Richards, 64.88 per cent; third, Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan, 63.39 per cent.

BARRY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE TABLES AND RESULTS

CRIB DIVISION 1:

Cadoxton Cons 8, Liberals 7; Wyndham Cons 8, Moors Boys 7; West End Runaways 6, Rhoose Social 9.

League table: Wyndham Cons 33, West End Runaways 30, Liberals 29, Rhoose Social 24, Cadoxton Cons 23, Moors Boys 22, West End 19.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Slammers 2, West End C 5; Sea View B 2.5, King William XII 4.5; Allsorts 6, Rhoose Social C 1; Rhoose Social A 5, Cambrian Flyers 2; Barry Town FC 2, West End D 5; Liberals A 3, Liberals C 4; Rhoosters 2, Barries Boys 5; Rhoose Social C 4, Rugby Club 3.

League table: West End C 18, Rhoosters 13.5, Cambrian Flyers 13, Rhoose Social B 13, West End D 13, Sea View B 12.5, Rhoose Social A 11, Rugby Club 11, Slammers 11, Allsorts 9, Liberals C 8.5, Barries Boys 8, King William XII 6.5, Rhoose Social C 6, Liberals A 5, Barry Town FC 2.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Penarth Cons A 0, Harbour B 5; Liberators 0, Savoy A 5; Savoy B 3, Services Social B 2;

Castle A 2, Cadoxton Misfits 3; Sully Sports A 1, Penarth Cons B 4; Cadoxton Cons A 2, Market Street B 3; Market Street C 4, West End A 1; Rhoose Social C 4, Harbour A 1; West End B 2, Wyndham Cons D 3.

League table: Rhoose Social C 15, Wyndham Cons D 13, Market Street B 11, Harbour A 10, Cadoxton Misfits 9, Penarth Cons B 9, Cadoxton Cons A 9, Market Street C 8, West End B 8, West End A 7, Sully Sports A 6, Castle A 5.

All league and cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk and Facebook - search for 'barry leagues'.

JW

Dogged Barry RFC Seconds give as good as they get!

BARRY RFC second XV travelled to Dinas Powis more in hope than expectation with a depleted squad on a fine Saturday afternoon.

Coaches Rhidian Scott and Glynn Pirro were forced to name a much-changed side again for this local derby, with no less than six players making their first appearance in the match day squad.

Late withdrawals meant that there was even a place on the bench for former manager Ken Chow.

Despite the disruptions, Barry started well and showed intent with ball in hand, utilising the physicality of Ethan Dicks and Wayne Jones to good effect.

Unfortunately it was the home side which showed more know-how in the ruck area, and in turn generated a quick ball for their backs to work with.

After prolonged pressure near the Barry line, something had to give and the home side took the lead with a deserved converted try.

Stung, Barry hit back with some clever play between new-formed half-backs Dominic Busuttil and Ashley Adams, and precise kicking from Dylan Robertson. With the visitors camped deep in Dinas' 22, the hosts eventually ran out of numbers as Busuttil crashed over under the posts. Robertson added the extras to level the match.

Barry were battling hard and were looking forward to go into the interval level, but two lapses in concentration proved costly.

First, the visitors' defence failed to spot an overlap and allowed Dinas to outnumber them out wide; then a lack of communication saw a gap open in the Barry line.

BARRY BEAVERS ARE CHAMPIONS!



Worse was to follow after half-time as two quick-fire tries from the hosts, taking advantage of some poor tackling out wide, saw Dinas open up a 33-7 lead with still half an hour to go.

Staring at a heavy defeat, Barry finally got back to work, pressurising the home side into making mistakes. From a penalty opportunity Robertson reduced the deficit by three.

It was now Barry who had more momentum and breaks from Adams, Dicks and Rob Boyt created the chance for Chris Mitchell to crash through the last defender for his second try of the season. Robertson added the extras.

Sensing an unlikely comeback, Dinas upped the ante and opened the gap back up with a close-range converted try of their own.

However, Barry did not give up and would have the better of the last 10 minutes.

With play being broken up, Boyt took full advantage against a disorganised defence, racing through to score underneath the posts, Robertson with the conversion.

The idea of a heavy defeat was now behind the visitors, and indeed it was the green-and-whites who had the last say on the scoreboard, as fly-half Adams was rewarded by a try after a dogged performance. Robertson's kick meant that the final score was 40-31 to the hosts but Barry had gained a try-bonus point.

Barry second XV will return home to host Rumney this Saturday, kick off 2.30pm.

Team: Robertson; Yates, Dicks, W Jones, Gill; Adams, Busuttil (c); Hall, Davies, Forst; M Jones, Mitchell; Williams, L Jones, Boyt. **Replacements:** Morris, Bailey, Lee. **Replacement not used:** Chow. **KC**

Barry and District Ladies' Skittle League RESULTS

THE latest results for the Barry and District Ladies Skittle League for week commencing September 11 are as follows:

Division 1: Barry Stars 321 (S Phillips 31); Baker's Dozen 343 (K James 37); Allsorts 257 (S Greenwell 26); Pila Palas 282 (M Staniforth 26); Colcot Ladies 265 (A Singleton 25); Cad Con Fillies 218 (L Harry 24); Sea View Gals 251 (D Manning 27); Fallen Angels 265 (S Jones 31); Red Admiral 261 (A Clements 34).

Division 2: Witchill with September 18:

Widows 300 (M McKinney 31); Castle Bandits 267 (M King 32); Challengers 331 (D Collard 35); Breakaways 250 (C Parfitt 35); Sea View Lights 265 (B Stephenson 31); Rhoose Starlights 273 (G Drake 33); Bobby's Girls 255 (S Sungden 26); La Bells 253 (J Williams 27).

Division 3: After Eights 241 (P Meehan 35); Off The Rails 284 (G Griffiths 30); Little Devils 241 (J Jones and S Harry 24); Vixens 243 (L 24); Breakaways 261 (B Goldsworthy 27); Persuaders 223 (G Hughes 27); Rebels 168 (R Satton 24); Starlight 265 (K Bryan

BARRY Beavers Disabled Swimming Club become Welsh National Club Champions 2017 for the first time, at the Halliwick Welsh National Gala, held in Ebbw Vale on September 16.

The 24-strong team which competed at Ebbw Vale, came home with 15 medals and also won this year's regional/national gala.

In total, seven golds, four silvers and four bronzes won on the day. The medalists were:

Gold: Amilya Watkins, girls' 25m; Jamie King, boys' 25m; Andrew Sage, men's 25m; Abby Finch, girls' 50m; Jen

Thomas, women's 50m; Nicholas Cusheen, men's 100m. **Snr relay – Philip Daly/Nicholas Cusheen/Kyle Sirak/Mark Eveleigh.**

Silver: Keira Richards, girls' 25m; Nadine Dyne in the women's 25m; Ffion Jones, girls' 100m.

Jnr relay – Jack Kemp/Callum Savory/Ffion Jones/Abby Finch.

Bronze: Callum Savory, boys' 50m; Heather Williams, women's 50m; Jack Kent, boys' 100m; Tyler Savory, men's 100m.

The other Beavers who competed did really well on the day and also did the club proud.

They were: Kiera Dyne, Leah Marcus,

Faye Sage, Layla Ankail, Aidan Thomson, Holly Willis, Gareth Lloyd, Sarah Davies. Suzanne Haslam couldn't compete on the day, but came to support the club during the gala.

The League swim team: Tyler, Nicholas, Gareth and Mark competed well on the day (despite the mix-up on the order to go). The club will find out what the outcome is at the next gala at Rhondda where we finish.

Pat Finch (club coach) said she was very proud of the whole team for winning the regional gala this year and that everyone who competed for our club is "an absolute credit to the swimming club."

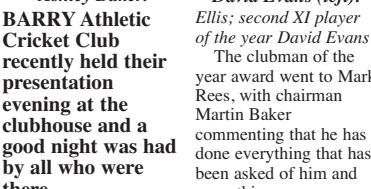
PRESENTATION EVENING FOR ATHLETIC'S CRICKETERS



Lee Morgan (centre).



Ashley Baker.



David Evans (left).

Ellis; second XI player of the year David Evans.

BARRY Athletic Cricket Club recently held their presentation evening at the clubhouse and a good night was had by all who were there.

The awards this year were presented by Mark Barrett, the club's main sponsor, and following awards were given out:

First XI batsman of the year Lee Morgan; **first XI bowler of the year Sean Ellis;** **first XI player of the year Lee Morgan;** **second XI batsman of the year Andy**

Gerkhardt 25. **HB**

JUDITH DUTTON was on hand with the camera, as Barry RFC returned to winning ways against Abercynon on Saturday. Read the full match report on page 48.



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Barry back on victory trail!



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10	FIAT 500 1.2 Sport	In yellow, 62,000 miles with Italia stripes, £30 road tax	£4,295
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End-of-season report from Rhoose Bowls Club



AS the season comes to an end, the Rhoose Bowls Club can celebrate with some wonderful results.

The ladies team have come top of the two rink league for the first time. Thanks to the ladies who managed to win on greens that were for the most part, very heavy and unforgiving due to the wet summer.

The Rhoose ladies play on an all-weather green so this was a great achievement for them.

The gentlemen of the club were not quite so fortunate; the CDML results were disappointing, but a fourth position in the Munro Cup out of 15 matches is quite a reasonable achievement. There is always next year.

The club were also delighted to receive some very welcome and generous sponsorship from Sinclair Volkswagen Cardiff.

They very kindly donated a sum of £2,000, and this enabled the team



to purchase new tops and jackets, with all looking very smart and professional.

A big thank you to Mr. L. Mitchell and Mr. S. Gardner of Sinclair Volkswagen.

On a very blustery Saturday the finals took place with results as follows:

Ladies Four Bowl Championship - Sue Dance; Two Bowl - Jo Jupp; Mens Pairs - Les Parsons; Junior and evening will be at St Morris Banks; Open Athan Golf Club on Pairs - Phill Wats and Friday, December 8. Brian Shears.

Championship - Hugh Many congratulations Jupp; Two Bowl - Hugh to all.

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More youngsters than ever before kick off in the Vale

RECENTLY the Vale of Glamorgan mini season kicked off with a record amount of teams.

This season with improved pitch facilities throughout the Vale, mini football will be played every week.

We would like to thank clubs such as Cowbridge Town FC, Cogan FC and Penarth FC for providing 3G pitches and Astro pitches at Stanwell Comprehensive, St Cyres

Comprehensive and Cowbridge Comprehensive, along with the Vale Council building new 3G pitches at Barry Sports Centre.

This has been hard work to secure and it's thanks to all the coordinators, coaches and parents who do a lot of unseen work to ensure Vale children have every opportunity to play, and make us the envy of many counties, in south Wales.

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Tim's Chepstow two-mile winner

ABERTHIN'S Tim Vaughan saw his six-year-old grey gelding Master Dancer land an easy win in the two-miler at Chepstow on Wednesday.

Confidently ridden by Mitch Godwin, Master Dancer - a 14-1 chance - won by 10 lengths from Ivance after being eased in the closing stages of the race.

Earlier in the month, Master Dancer had won at Chepstow in a mile-and-a-half race.

BRIAN LEE

**Got a story?
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THE Barry Cup took centre stage this past weekend, with no cup upsets as all the Premier Division sides came through unscathed.

Premier Division leaders Barry Athletic overcame a difficult away trip to league newcomers and Division Two pacesetters Vale Madrid 4-1, while Cowbridge Town required extra time to get past Division One Barry Saints 2-1.

Cwm Talwg of Division One succumbed to Penarth Town 3-2 while St Athan got past Cadoxton Imps 3-1. FC Barry Belgrade demolished Tynewydd 8-0 to advance.

Outside of the Premier Division sides, Cogan Coronation comfortably defeated Division Two Glenbrook 5-0 while Sully Sports got the biggest win of the round

with an 11-0 routing of BV.

The second round threw up two all-Premier Division ties with Island Marine hosting Rhoose and Penarth Town playing Barry Athletic.

There were three league ties played in Division Two with Llantwit Major making it four out of four with a narrow 3-2 victory over Island Marine B.

Major are now level on points with Vale Madrid at the top of the league with a game in hand. Barry Albion edged out St Athan B 1-0 while AFC Rhoose B saw off BRT Dynamos with 3-2.

This week it's all league. Games of the day in each division look like being Rhoose vs Penarth Town, SP Billy vs Tynewydd and BRT Dynamos vs Vale Madrid.

HD

Controversy as Dinas RFC are denied win

MORE intrigue, controversy, drama and justified or unjustified outrage (depending on the side that you supported) than a dozen episodes of *Eastenders* is one summary of this torrid contest on the Common between Dinas Powys RFC and Treorchy RFC.

The winning try scored by the Zebras from Treorchy came from the final play of the game, the visiting touch judge waved his flag that the ball was out of play, and the home players, aware that it was the final play of the match, relaxed; however, play continued and the winning try was scored in the right corner.

The home players pleaded with the referee, who sought clarification from the line judge who was now stood by the post awaiting the conversion.

The match official deliberated and decided to award the crucial score and victory was snatched from the grasp of the Villagers.

The contrast in the emotions of the various sets of supporters was palpable and heated debates took place across the Common wherever contact was made between the ardent followers.

The Villagers will be disappointed to have lost this game, which they dominated for the majority of the contest, but an over enthusiasm to run the ball and a couple of missed place kicks proved crucial.

The visitors led by two long range penalty kicks without once entering the home 22 metre area, before finally mounting a worthwhile attack and scoring a try under the posts.

The visitors' fly-half ran elegantly, drew the defence before slipping a deft pass to the burly flanker on a sweet angle who crossed for the first try of the contest after 35 minutes.

The home side had pounded the visitors' defence with wave after wave of attacks, but remained scoreless, while the Treorchy side, with considerably fewer opportunities, held a comfortable 13-point lead.

The Villagers were spurred into greater effort by the situation, and a powerful burst by the peerless Gareth Williams initiated the move.

The ball was passed to centre Darren Ryan, who forged forwards before finding flanker

Ryan Shallish, who agonisingly got to within inches of the tryline; the ball was recycled for scrum half Tom Davies who reached for the line and scored the try, which was converted by fly half Callum Brickwell for a half-time score of 7-13.

The second half was dominated by the home side in every phase of play, and even though the powerful scrum advanced at every scrum, the match official, much to the consternation of coach John Dunleavy, penalised the home front row.

It took the Villagers 20 minutes to add to their total, as sweet passing released pacey left wing Duke Durham who crossed in the corner for a stunning team try.

The conversion from the touchline was wide and the home side trailed by a single point, 12-13.

The Zebras enjoyed good field position for a few minutes, before they split the ball in the backline and replacement wing Mike Smith picked up the ball and ran 60 metres before being tackled.

The ball was regathered by the Treorchy fly-half who, under pressure from Corey Imperato, threw a lofted pass towards his supporting right wing.

The ball was intercepted by Brickwell who crossed for the Villagers' third try of the afternoon. The conversion was wide of the post and the home side had scored 17 unanswered points and now led 17-13.

A quarter of an hour of the contest remained and with the visitors penned in their own 22 metre area, Dinas flanker Shallish was yellow-carded for the remainder of the contest.

Home supporters may have felt aggrieved as constant infringements at the breakdown and a series of knock-ons were deemed unworthy of a similar punishment by the match official.

The home defence was breached in the final passage of play of the game and defeat and not victory was the conclusion of the contest.

Outscoring their illustrious visitors by three tries to two will provide little solace for a brave and very proud Dinas Powys side.

The Villagers continue their league programme with an away match at St Josephs this Saturday.

Vale Pool League news

TUESDAY night days as the Wanderers saw the Wanderers travel to the King William IV pub in Cadoxton for their first round catch-up match.

Frame one would see Wanderers captain Jeff Bartle break off and clear up all in one visit. A brilliant winning start giving Jeff his first break and dish trophy.

The remaining three singles were all close games which could have gone either way so 2-2 was probably a fair outcome.

Wanderers struggled after that with Karl Marsh winning their only other frame. A few frames should have gone the Wanderers' way, but poor shot selection and silly mistakes cost them.

King William's Lee Philips would get another man of the match accolade winning four out of four games with fine support from team mates Geoff Froud, Les Hunt and Neil Tipple giving the King William a fine 9-3 victory with both teams playing some good attacking pool in a great atmosphere.

Thursday night would see title favourites the Witchill Wildcats get deservedly beaten at the Castle Hotel. An unexpected result saw the Castle Dark Lords win 7-5.

Wayne Hobson would beat both singles champion Ceri Morris and singles finalist James Hill in the singles.

Matthew Tobin had a memorable night winning four out of four games, playing some very good long shots, the advantage of having youth and young eyes.

The one highlight for the wildcats was Ceri Morris winning a dish and break trophy in frame 11, his first of the season but the night belonged to Sean Kelly, the Dark Lord's commander.

The Libs Rejects started slowly and were 3-1 down after the first set of singles. However after a rousing team talk by captain Alex Campbell, the Libs stormed back taking the next eight frames to the astonishment of Millwood Pot Jacks to secure a 9-3 win with man of the match Mike Williams winning all four of his matches.

Thursday also saw the Glenbrook play their second game in three

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Barry bounce back with big performance against Abercynon

BARRY RFC travelled to Abercynon last Saturday hoping to make up for last week's heavy defeat to Aberdare, and to their credit they produced a much improved performance to run out worthy winners, 23-13.

Once again it was good to see both sides attempting to play expansive rugby and the early stages of the game saw the teams matched evenly as they probed for weaknesses.

The first real chance fell to the home side as they created an opening but failed to use the

overlap and Barry held firm.

They were made to pay moments later as a loose ball found prop Evans who, with an outrageous dummy, scythed through the defence to score a fine individual try, which although not converted gave Barry the lead.

They were to go further ahead minutes later as O'Sullivan's charge for the line was halted illegally, giving Barross the easy penalty from in front.

Abercynon responded from the restart and forced Barry into conceding a penalty which was kicked to reduce the arrears.

Barry were enjoying enough possession to



Picture by Judith Dutton.

maintain the pressure, but were let down by some poor handling, allowing Abercynon the chance to attack on the counter.

One such move from the halfway line saw them earn a penalty which reduced the deficit to two points.

Barry came straight back as Hadfield regathered the restart and broke clear. With support in attendance the ball was recycled and a clever inside pass from Barross saw O'Sullivan in the clear to cross for the team's second try.

With the conversion successful Barry took the lead by 15-6 with half-time approaching.

Barry were certainly playing with more confidence, showing no little skill as they continued to keep Abercynon on the back foot, and a break from Such, carried on by O'Sullivan and Evans took them to the line for a scrum.

A strong forward drive saw them push the home side over their line for Lee to grab the try which went unconverted but put Barry in a healthy lead as the half-time whistle went.

Barry began the second half as they finished the first but again hands were letting them down and chances were wasted.

The pack was beginning to get the better of the home eight creating more opportunity for the backs. After a penalty had taken Barry deep into home territory, a further infringement gave Barross a further kick at goal and he put Barry up 23-6.

This setback brought



It was a good win for Barry Town United last Thursday, as they beat Carmarthen Town 3-1 at Jenner Park. ALL PICTURES BY SAME OLD SMITH PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO

Kayne's birthday delight as Barry move up to eighth with win

BARRY TOWN UNITED moved up to eighth in the JD Welsh Premier League, following a 3-1 win over Carmarthen Town at Jenner Park.

Birthday boy Kayne McLaggon struck twice in the Thursday night fixture, before Callum Sainty put the icing on the cake.

The visitors had come to the Vale in high spirits, after their 4-0 victory at Bala Town on the weekend.

However, the Old Gold would prove to be no party poopers, as Barry recorded a second straight home win.

Emerging to the strains of Yma O Hyd, the hosts looked lively from the off, attacking the Gladstone Road end.

With 12 minutes played, McLaggon was in the net; the forward's momentum carrying him over at the back post, after a dangerous ball from Drew Fahiya on the left.

As it was though, Barry's breakthrough would be born on the right-hand side, Tyrrell Webbe flicking on Fahiya's pass for McLaggon to strike from six yards.

The home fans had hardly finished singing 'Happy Birthday' to the goalscorer when Carmarthen hauled themselves level a mere two minutes later.

With chaos reigning in the Barry penalty area, Jordan Knott fired



Callum Sainty is all smiles after bagging his first Welsh Premier League goal.

through the crowd and his effort beat an unsighted Mike Lewis to equalise.

While winger Kostya Georgievsky would look a real threat for the visitors, it was the hosts though that caused the bulk of the problems.

Their efforts were then rewarded in the 35th minute, as McLaggon snared his second of the night and fourth of the season so far.

Starting the move himself with a forward run, McLaggon released to Macauley Southam, who, on his home debut, did well to beat defender Daniel Sheehan.

Southam then crossed for an unmarked McLaggon to chest the ball home, the former Merthyr man showing strong positioning to restore Barry's advantage.

After the restart, both teams would have a crack at adding to their goal count, with Georgievsky and teammates denied by

the rock-solid Lewis, who shrugged off injury at one stage to play on.

Fahiya, who had been one of the stars of the half, would also require treatment, making way for the promising Sam Jones on 69 minutes.

It was another substitute though who would have the final say, moments later.

After coming so close in Llandudno, Callum Sainty was all smiles after scoring Barry's third, helping himself to his first JD Welsh Premier League goal.

On this occasion, McLaggon would turn provider, quickly spotting and setting up his teammate to score at the second attempt.

At 2-1, the Old Gold were always in with a shout, but Barry's third appeared a decisive blow; and so it would prove.

While Mark Aizlewood's team contributed to a good contest, the day would belong to Barry, to Sainty and McLaggon.

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Latest news from the Barry Chess Club

THREE of our teams have played in the last few days.

Each of the results were identical; unfortunately all three teams picked up only 1.5 points out of the five points available.

Chronologically the Quarks were the first team to play when they travelled to take on the Cardiff AJs.

Our points came from a win by Stephen Bonutto against Jeff Rowland and a good draw from Peter Watkins.

The Quarks drop to sixth place in the table. However the two teams below us both have games in hand so we expect to drop even further when all the results are in.

It's already looking like a tough season for the Quarks as the relaxation in the nominations allows teams to select players who previously were restricted in there availability.

On Monday there was an unusual double header. Both the Camelots and Gambits were in action against Pentrech.

The Camelots were at home against their A team whilst the Gambits travelled to Pentrech to play their C team.

In Division Two the Camelots picked up their points from that man Stephen Bonutto earning his third win of the season and a draw from Ken Hannah.

The Camelots drop to third place, however with only nine teams in this division you only know there true position at the halfway stage as that is the first week when all the teams will have played exactly the same number of games.

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The Gambits selected a strong team for their clash with the Pentrech C team.

We hoped for at least a draw but it wasn't to be. A first win of the season by Dave Mahoney on bottom board together with a draw by Sam White on top board was all we could get.

With defeats in both of their games so far the Gambits sit in seventh place in a division of eight teams. They are only a point behind fourth place but the top three have already moved two points ahead of the pack.

Elsewhere there was the third Welsh Seniors Championship. The Barry Chess Club had a number of participants.

In the main event Lee Davis, with three wins and two draws, took the title. On the same day and venue there was the South Wales Open where, with four draws and a win, Nigel Ralphs finished in equal third place.

The Barry Chess Club meets at

7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

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